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## CALIF. FED. OF LABOR TO WAR ON VIGILANTES

### ILA, Sailors Will Stop Work to Protest Scaler Frame-Up

#### DOCK WORKERS TO STOP HALF HOUR ON FRI.

TRIAL ENTERING SECOND WEEK SEEN AS OPEN ATTACK ON UNION

#### Disrupter on Stand

ROBLES CAUGHT IN MAZE OF LIES BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Using the only real weapons that labor has to protect itself, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the ILA Local 38-79 at their respective meetings voted unanimously in favor of a half hour stoppage of work, to protest the employer-concocted "murder" frame-up of four members of the Scalers' Union, ILA Local 38-100, now going on.

The protest stoppage of work is planned to take place on Friday, Dec. 20th, from 1 to 1:30 in the afternoon. The District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation is expected to concur in the action of the two largest maritime unions on the front, when it meets on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17.

The State's chief witness, Antonio Robles, a contractor's agent and the main union disrupter, who provoked the fight in the Scalers' Hall on the evening of September (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

#### Liberal English Groups Rally to Support Soviets

CONGRESS OF PEACE AT LONDON BACKS U.S.S.R. ANTI-WAR POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The British Congress of Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, recently held here, is another proof that the liberal and labor elements in England are rallying behind the Soviet peace policy, and seeking to improve relationships between the two countries. The 22 delegates present represented organizations numbering 1,569,540 members.

Among those present was Geo. Bernard Shaw, famous dramatist and critic, who pointed out that the Soviet Union had created a powerful Socialist industry which renders it perfectly independent and guarantees the triumph of Socialism.

Keen interest was aroused by the speech of Sidney Webb (now Lord Passfield) on the nature of the Soviet order. Together with Beatrice Webb, he has recently completed a two-volume work "Soviet Communism", which has aroused wide-spread interest in England.

Webb, who is famous as the great historian of the English labor movement and one of the founders of the Fabian socialist movement, had formerly been one of the ridiculers of the Soviet Union, relying on distorted reports he found in the papers. Deciding to learn the truth for himself, he visited the Soviet Union, to study the actual workings of a Soviet democracy.

A man of his ability and scholarship, carefully saw that the Soviet system was lifting mankind to a higher plane of development. His book is detailed, with every point he makes carefully documented and verified. He follows the actual working of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

#### MacArthur Asks Youth Army In Philippine Islands

NEW YORK.—(AP)—"Is the Philippine nation to be militarized in order to provide a powerful auxiliary force to the U. S. army?" 17 peace leaders ask Pres. Roosevelt in an open letter released by Sec. Harold E. Fey of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The letter protests against the program for universal compulsory military training starting with the age of 10, which Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, former U. S. army chief of staff, is sponsoring as chief military adviser of the Philippine Commonwealth.

#### CREW OF SPERO STRIKES AT WAR

Seamen Halt Loading Of Scrap Iron For Italy

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 16.—The loading of the Norwegian freighter, S.S. Spero, with scrap iron for Mussolini's faltering war machine, came to an abrupt stop when the entire crew struck against hauling war material to Italy.

Scrap iron is used widely in the making of shells and the "iron" dictator of Italy is forced to pay a heavy premium for additional war materials. The Spero, which is owned by Haby, one of the richest millionaires in Oslo, has already received \$250,000 freight charges in advance for the trip.

Shipment of war materials is the only issue involved on the Spero. All matters of wages and conditions are satisfactory to both sides. The deck gang and engine-room gang walked off the ship with a pledge of solidarity, if all workers will support them in their efforts to prevent the sailing of the vessel. The Norwegian consul was forced to pay the men off and the captain and agents of the vessel are "fishing around" trying to get a scab crew, but to no avail to date.

Strongly Organized.

The crew belong to the Scandinavian Seamen's Club, which is a strong organization that has secured the right to have all hiring of seamen of that nationality done through its own hall in Brooklyn. The direct strike action of the crew of the Spero places them with the militant crews of the S.S. Farnham in Boston, and the S.S. Oregon, and S.S. Rignor in San Pedro, who startled the nation (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

#### Bazaar Lists Must Be In By December 20, Committee Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Western Worker Bazaar Conference urges all organizations, Party units and individuals to return all outstanding dummies and Honor Roll lists at once. The greetings must be in the office at 121 Haight street not later than Dec. 20 if they are to appear in the souvenir program.

An urgent appeal is made by the committee for all persons interested in the future success of the Western Worker to collect and turn in articles of every description. Only ten days remain before the opening of the Bazaar. Each day must be utilized to the utmost.

Latest reports indicate the Fillmore Sub-Section is leading the Waterfront in the Socialist competition campaign. Saturday Fillmore's standing was at \$100 while the Waterfront trailed with \$75 turned in. Other sub-sections are gaining strength in the campaign.

#### IOWA JOBLESS, AFL, THREATEN WPA WALKOUT

LOS ANGELES UNEMPLOYED UNIONS MAP CAMPAIGN OF ORGANIZATION

#### Low Camp Wage Set

ROOSEVELT SAYS RELIEF SPENDING WILL BE CUT TO BONE

Few, if any, of the millions of WPA workers throughout the nation will participate in the widely heralded orgy of Christmas spending which now is gathering momentum.

From one end of the country to the other organized and unorganized workers are struggling, or are planning struggles in the immediate future, against the starvation "security wage" which, in the face of rapidly rising living costs, represents not security, but a bare existence—or actual starvation.

But President Roosevelt, speaking informally to a group of state educational directors in Washington, D. C., last week indicated that every effort was being made to cut down the budget and keep the relief part of it as low as possible. At Des Moines, Iowa, last Sunday unemployed and labor union delegates took steps to form a united front for a statewide general strike of all WPA (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### Buzzell Praises Expelled Union's 'Red' Organizer

HEATED DEBATE PRECEDES DEFEAT OF MOVE TO CONDEMN EXPULSION

(Los Angeles Central Labor Council.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Charter of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union was revoked solely because its business manager, Jack Moore, "is a Communist," on orders from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

This was admitted here last night at the regular meeting of the Central Labor Council by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, who said he had orders from Green to investigate and to act as he saw fit.

A resolution of protest against this action as tending to destroy faith of large masses of workers in the A. F. of L., was defeated by a roll-call vote of 68 to 17, with five or six not voting and others walking out of the meeting.

In reporting on the investigation into the union, Buzzell praised Moore highly.

"When the local was started, it had only 60 members," he said, "and Moore built it up to over 1000 members. He is an exceptionally capable organizer, especially so since he is only about 23 years old. He is just the kind of organizer we need, if he were with us, but he is a Communist."

The delegate from Meat Cutters 421 arose to state that "a person's political beliefs did not disbar him from a union or from doing good union work." In all six delegates attacked the Buzzell machine, while only one delegate defended the position of Buzzell. Many delegates voted "no" after much hesitation.

Delegate Gillette of the Musicians' Union asked: "If I vote (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

#### ITALY ON DEFENSIVE WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

Japanese Using Native Chinese Mercenary Troops for Invasion of North China; Franco-British Proposal Scored

#### WAR HIGHLIGHTS

Italian troops are on the defensive in Ethiopia. Italy will reply to the Franco-British peace proposal on Dec. 19. The League Council meeting set for Dec. 18 may be postponed until Dec. 20. Premier Laval in France and Prime Minister Baldwin in England are faced with revolts in their cabinets over the peace proposal. Japan is proceeding apace with invasion of the North China provinces. Naval conference is in deadlock, future sessions to be secret. Germany urgently seeking a loan from Britain and a pact with France to further her projected invasion of the Soviet Union.

#### FRENCH PARLIAMENT SPLIT

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Premier Laval is facing revolt in the French Parliament and a serious opposition from the French masses over the proposed settlement of the Ethi-

opian war by dismembering the African kingdom.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS GENEVA, Dec. 16.—The League of Nations Council, scheduled to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### L. A. GARMENT WORKERS RAP ATTACK ON CANNERS' UNION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union took a strong stand against "red-baiting" in the American Federation of Labor, here this week when it adopted a resolution protesting the lifting of the charter from the Fish Cannery Workers Union of San Pedro.

The protest resolution was directed to William Green, A. F. of L. president, following receipt of a letter from J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, telling the Joint Board to keep its nose out of things that didn't concern it.

"Too many local unions around here are too busy thinking up ways to protect the American Federation of Labor," wrote Buzzell. "The Fish Cannery Workers Union was headed by Communists, who should not head unions under a resolution adopted by the National Convention."

It was reported that Buzzell, who is acting as A. F. of L. organizer during the illness of Organizer Casey, is trying to organize a new union to compete with the Fish Cannery Workers Union.

The resolution of the ILGWU Joint Board, which was adopted by a vote of 9 to 5, not only protested the expulsion of this local but of all unions "unless different reasons are given." Delegates of the ILGWU who demanded information concerning the expulsion at last Friday night's meeting of the Central Labor Council, were snubbed by President Harry Sherman, who said: "You know what it's all about!"

All trade unions are urged to send protests to Buzzell about his dictatorial action in depriving the Fish Cannery Workers Union of its A. F. of L. charter on the ground that Jack Moore, business manager, and his secretary were "radicals." The union recently carried on a very successful strike in canneries in San Pedro and have been taking steps to organize the cannery workers in Wilmington and Long Beach.

#### JUST ENJOYING LIFE IN USSR

AN AMERICAN WRITER PRETENDS HE'S VERY LAZY

HAPPY AT WORK IN NEW WORLD

Here is a personal letter from an American writer in Moscow to a friend in California. We wish it could be framed and hung over William Randolph Hearst's editorial desk.—Editor.

Moscow, U.S.S.R., September 3, 1935.

Dear —: Just got back from a month on horseback thru hidden valleys of the Caucasus mountains, where no foreigners had ever been before... strange old stone villages and swarthy men in shaggy hats, daggers at their belts... and found your letter on my desk at home. I had asked about you of every San Franciscan I met over here. When you see Ray again, remember me to him and tell him I have introduced his trick traveling-fadeout in a Russian picture I was connected with here. I have from time to time met several of the members of the Hollywood John Reed Club (touring Moscow) but none seemed to know Ray. Does a John Reed Club really exist in Hollywood, or is it just a mental condition of a few young unemployed picture people?

Moscow His Oyster. I got pretty tired of it in Cali-

#### 67,280 MASSED FOR OPPOSITION TO VIGILANTISM

OVER 40 TRADE UNIONS IN BAY AREA CONFERENCE TO FIGHT FASCISM

#### 69 Organizations

PLAN FOR ACTION AGAINST WAR ENVISIONED BY AMERICAN LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—"We have already mobilized more than 67,000 people in the proposed Committee of a Hundred Thousand to combat vigilantism." With these words, Bert Leech, organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism greeted the mass meeting which terminated a successful two-day conference of the League here last night. The conference, which embraced only the League forces in the San Francisco Bay area, was participated in by 102 delegates from 69 organizations comprising a membership of 67,280 people. Over 40 trade unions were included.

#### Revised Program.

A proposed revision of the League's program, containing eleven points, was adopted for submission to the National Congress to be held January 3, 4, and 5 in Cleveland, Ohio. The Congress has already been endorsed by the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

The proposed revision included among other items: concrete steps toward stopping manufacture and shipping of munitions; steps to involve the professional classes in practical struggle against war; to halt diversion of relief funds to war preparations; to oppose all policies of American imperialism in Latin America, China and elsewhere; to support the principle of collective actions against aggressor (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

#### Peace Congress to Meet in L. A. Next Sunday, Dec. 22nd

THREE-POINT PROGRAM IS PREPARED; DELEGATES TO CLEVELAND SLATED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Mobilizing people's forces to fight for peace, the Los Angeles Regional Congress Against War and Fascism will convene here next Sunday morning, December 22, at 9:30 a. m., at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 1/2 W. 24th street, near Vermont ave.

Called by the American League Against War and Fascism as preparation for a National Peace Congress to be held next month in Cleveland, O., scores of delegates are expected to respond to the call from trade unions, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, Townsend clubs, unemployed organizations, churches, cultural and fraternal groups.

Discussion will be focussed around a three-point program designed to hinder the war danger: 1—By stopping manufacture and transport of all materials essential to the conduct of war. 2—By exposing the connections between the vested interests and the war mongers. 3—By combatting all tendencies toward destruction of trade unionism; toward abrogating of civil liberties; toward racial discrimination.

The Congress will close with election of delegates to the National Peace Congress at Cleveland.

#### BRIDGES' WIFE SUFFERS FALL; S.F. PRESS LIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Losing her balance while hanging clothes on the family clothes line, Mrs. Harry Bridges, wife of the rank and file leader of I.L.A. 38-79, tumbled from the window to the sidewalk two stories below. She was taken to the hospital with a broken leg and severe bruises. The San Francisco capitalist press attempted by innuendo to distort the accident in a manner to discredit Harry Bridges, whose continued popularity with the maritime workers worries the waterfront employers and their propaganda agents.

#### GULF I.L.A. STILL ON PICKET LINE

Dock Strike Rages As Operators Use Scabs

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 15.—The I.L.A. Strike Committee at Houston and Galveston announced that the strike was no means over despite the signing of agreements with Luckenbach and the Swayne Hoyt steamship companies.

A picket line was thrown around the Lykes Brother Ripley-Steamship Company when scabs were rushed in to work on three vessels. This company operates the largest fleet of deep seagoing vessels sailing out of the Gulf and has refused to negotiate with the I.L.A.

The shipowners were forced to recruit a new batch of scabs when they had to demobilize the first gang as a result of the outbreak of an epidemic of meningitis and mumps among them.

Operators stated that they would continue to attempt to use scabs on ships which the I.L.A. was striking. In answer to this the I.L.A. has called out all their forces for picket duty.

Meanwhile foreign steamship agents were being pressed to use scabs to work the ships, as a result of their signing contracts with company unions during the strike. The agents are seeking to have this agreement nullified in court.

#### London Press "Sees Red Plot" in S. F. Soda Ash Mystery

In this case the "whale" of a story became a "red herring." The notorious pro-Nazi Daily News of London recently printed a lurid account of the San Francisco poisoned baking soda case, and added, out of the whole cloth, the following embellishments:

"POLICE SUSPECT COMMUNISTS."

"STRONG RUMORS ARE THAT LABOR AGITATORS ARE INVOLVED."

Although these "quotes" may have gone out over the cable, we seriously doubt it. There is something typically "hearsay" about the procedure. The inventions are, to say the least, hardly "cricket."

Our local capitalist papers would have liked to do the same, had the facts not appeared too obvious to even the most rabid red-baiting editor as too crude for home consumption.

Ralph Fox of the London Daily Worker, Communist organ, exposed the yarn.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

#### "COMMITTEE OF 100,000" - AFL STATE MEMBERS

MARITIME UNIONS TAKE LEAD IN FIGHT ON VIGILANTISM

#### Will Push Campaign

CONVENTION RESOLUTION STIRS UP ACTION AT BOARD MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Broad steps for the enforcement of the anti-vigilante resolution introduced by the ILA 38-79 delegates and passed by the last State Federation of Labor Convention at San Diego, are seen in the decision of the State Federation Executive Board to declare the approximately 100,000 members of the State Federation a committee as a whole to carry on an anti-vigilants campaign.

This decision was announced to a committee elected from the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 to attend the State Federation of Labor Executive Board meeting, asking for early application of the resolution and the launching of a vigorous drive against terrorism.

The committee was informed by President Vandeleur that "the entire membership of the State Federation of Labor would constitute itself as a mass committee to act on the anti-vigilante resolution." He further stated, "The vice presidents of the various districts who are also on the Executive Board will direct the activities of this broad committee."

F. Stoddard, spokesman for the District Council committee of ten which is leading the fight against vigilantism, stated to the WESTERN WORKER reporter: "Vigilantism, the brutal vanguard of fascism, has already struck down militant rank and file leaders along the waterfront, in the agricultural areas of the state, and in the heart of Los Angeles, to such an extent that the rank and file of the State Federation of Labor will accept the duties of this anti-vigilante committee of 100,000 in all seriousness."

#### Unions Rally to Finish Fight on Scab Restaurant

UNION HEAD COMPLAINS OF S. F. CHRONICLE AND NEWS

(San Francisco Labor Council.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The main issue on the agenda of last night's meeting of the Labor Council was the strike of the bakers in Hellwig's Restaurant at 41 Stockton st., where 75 employees put in long hours for miserly pay. The delegate from the Bakers' Union reported that bakers in the plant received \$14 to \$16 a week, about half the amount they should get under the union scale. The foreman gets \$75, but he is a partner.

The Culinary unions and the Bakery Wagon Drivers (who are making no deliveries to the place) are uniting for a finish fight on this scab house. Hellwig evidently feels he has sufficient "political pull" in the city hall that he need not deal with the unions. Chief of Police Quinn and other political plum pluckers visited him and evidently bolstered this opinion in a conference.

Prior to the walkout Hellwig (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)



## BRITISH AND FRENCH LEADERS MOVE GINGERLY FEARING MASS PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSALS

### Britain Wants Peace in Mediterranean So She Can Cope With China Crisis

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meet on Dec. 18 to decide definitely on the proposed Franco-British settlement of the Africa war, may be postponed till Dec. 20. British influence is seen in the move for postponement. Majority resistance to the proposal is predicted by observers. Britain is reported as frantically striving in a series of smaller, unofficial conferences, to build up support for the proposal.

Principal opposition is composed of the smaller nations led by the Soviet Union.

Britain is anxious to terminate the African conflict in order to free her hands to protect her capitalist interests in China, and pre-

## WPA Projects to Be Organized By L.A. Unemployed

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workers, to become effective January 2, against the low rates of pay on WPA. J. C. Lewis, State Federation of Labor president, declared that unless WPA officials granted demands for a general 10 per cent increase in wages an attempt would be made to stop work on every project in the state.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Approximately 10,000 WPA camp workers in California are to be put to work at wages varying from \$15 to \$25 per month, and found, according to J. B. Porter, in charge of the state's camp work projects. Skilled workers will receive the top wage.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Outlining plans to carry through successful organization of locals on the projects, 100 organizers of the Public Works and Unemployed Unit met here last night at the headquarters of Local 5, 121 1/2 So. Broadway.

All grievances of the men on the jobs—including long distances to travel to work, the high cost of transportation, and the question of being re-classified so that every worker will gain a job, at his own trade—will be considered in taking organizational steps on the projects, it was decided.

The organizers resolved to stand firmly on their constitutional right to organize, despite intimidation and firing from the projects, and decided that in the event of intimidation, discrimination, or firing of organizers, committees would be set up immediately on the project to fight the issue through.

District Mass Meets.

The PWU is planning mass meetings in all districts to rally the unemployed workers around the popular demand for trade union wage rates, and will advertise these meetings with tens of thousands of leaflets and loud speaker trucks.

Neighborhood locals will not be abandoned with the formation of project locals, the County Council of the PWU has determined, but will be strengthened by and will help to strengthen the organizations on the jobs.

Last Thursday night the Coordinating Committee for an American Standard of Living met at the Unitarian Church, with 43 delegates from the Painters and Carpenters' District Councils, End Poverty League, Utopian Society, PWU, Interprofessional Association, and others. Official observers numbered 23. The conference voted unanimously to call a broader meeting on December 29 to fight on the vital issues of the unemployed and employed workers alike.

Chairman of the meeting was John Wenk, president of the Utopian Society. A committee was elected which will meet tomorrow morning at the office of the PWU, Room 307, Douglas Bldg. From there, visits will be made to the city council, board of supervisors and Col. Connolly, WPA administrator, to protest against the miserable conditions on WPA projects and to demand the prevailing trade union wage rate on all jobs.

Throughout Los Angeles County grievance committees of the PWU locals are winning their cases with the relief authorities, and are achieving great organizational gains. New workers are joining the union at the rate of 70 per day, and the PWU buttons are in evidence on every project.

vent revolution developing in Italy. Meanwhile, Japan, knowing that Britain cannot withdraw her attention from the Mediterranean at the moment, is proceeding rapidly toward securing domination of China.

Mexico is reported as ready to withdraw from the League of Nations if the Franco-British proposal is railroaded through.

### NAVAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Upon request of Japanese envoys, the balance of the five-power naval conference being held here will be secret and no minutes will be kept. So far matters have come to a deadlock, Japan demanding absolute naval equality. She offers two alternatives, the reduction of all other navies to parity with Japan, or increase in the Japanese navy to equal Great Britain and the United States.

### REVOLTS IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 16.—A state of undeclared war has broken out in the North China provinces. Chinese mercenary troops in the employ of Japan have seized Tientsin, strategic seaport and are rapidly spreading iron suppression through other towns and cities.

Japanese troops have been standing by, letting the native mercenaries spread the barbed wire network of Japanese rule, but are held in constant readiness to swing into action should the native troops begin to get the worst of it.

Resistance has come spontaneously from the Chinese masses. Hundreds are reported slain including ten students in Peking who demonstrated against the "autonomy" movement. A general student strike has been in progress there for over a week.

Meanwhile revolt against the Kuomintang dictator, Chiang Kai-shek and the Japanese invaders is shaping into a solid wall of resistance throughout China, with the Communists playing a major role.

### ITALIANS ON DEFENSIVE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Italian troops on the Southern front in Ethiopia have officially admitted that they are on the defensive. Weeks of constant guerilla raids have crippled the morale of the invaders as well as seriously weakening their ranks. They are desperately digging in preparatory to a major attack by 40,000 Ethiopian troops which is expected momentarily.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT SPLIT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Laborites in the House of Commons are raising bitter opposition to the Franco-British robbery proposal which would settle the Ethiopian war by granting Italy huge areas of Ethiopian territory. So serious has the split become that Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin has called a special emergency meeting of the entire cabinet and there are rumors abroad he may resign.

## FOUR B.C. GANGS RETURN TO WORK

### EMPLOYERS DELAY HIRING OF UNION DOCKMEN

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Although the B. C. dock strike was officially called off by the Central Strike Committee, the Shipping Federation maintains the lock-out is still in effect, as only four Union longshore gangs have been hired to date.

These have been mixed with the scab longshoremen at the ratio of six union men to five finks. Four gangs of Coastwise men have also been reemployed and also a few sailors.

The Central Strike Committee instructed the membership of all locals to register at the fink hall for reemployment on the docks.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific and the I.L.A. have concurred in the actions taken by the strike committee and are watching the situation carefully for further developments.

### Australian Ship Held

The sailing of the S.S. Niagara from Auckland to Vancouver, was delayed indefinitely, when union longshoremen in this port, refused to load the ship unless guaranteed the vessel's cargo would be removed by union labor. The ship had been once before tied up by the union crew on her. The vessel was manned by scabs.

## 41 Glendale CCC Boys Stricken By Ptomaine Poison

### HOSPITAL DECLARES SIX SERIOUSLY ILL; MILK IS POSSIBLE CAUSE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—The miserable rations doled out to boys in the CCC camps took its toll here last night when 41 workers were suddenly seized with food poisoning while attending a Glendale theater.

Seventeen boys, all from the Lompoc camp, were taken to the Glendale Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, where six were reported seriously ill. There they were treated by a hastily-augmented staff, and then taken to infirmaries in the Brand Park and Griffith Park CCC camps.

Six boys were so seriously ill that they were given adrenalin by physicians, but today had recovered sufficiently to be removed to the CCC infirmaries. They were: James C. Sopkas, Ben Myortellaro, Mike Winona, Orlando Perrett, Joe Walley and John Z. Mazo.

The stricken boys were among the hundreds of CCC workers who were brought into Los Angeles yesterday for a Catholic confirmation.

Investigation reportedly revealed that the boys who ate bread pudding at the Tuna Canyon camp last night were taken ill, while the rest suffered no ill effects. It was believed that milk in the pudding may have been tainted. Capt. H. D. Wilmoth, camp surgeon, said none of the boys were seriously ill.

## CREW STRIKES SPERO IN N.Y.

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when they took steps to enforce Roosevelt's somewhat punctured proclamation, placing an embargo on war materials.

The strike is expected to spread to three other vessels in the harbor now loading war materials. The American League Against War and Fascism has issued a call to all maritime workers to join their brothers in similar strike throughout New York harbor.

"The refusal of labor to work in the murderous business of war is a sanction and a mandate that means peace and security," said Harry Maurer, secretary of the New York Committee of the organization.

## PEDRO UNION IS SOLIDLY BEHIND 'RED' ORGANIZER

### PROTEST-UNION OUSTER BY RED-BAITERS AS MOORE HOLDS JOB

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"Yes, can I explain my vote?" "What's the matter?" asked President Harry Sherman. "Are you ashamed of your vote? Are you yellow?"

"No, I'm not yellow and I'm not ashamed of my vote," replied Gillette heatedly. "The only I'm ashamed of is the vote I cast to put you in as chairman of the A. F. of L. and I'll never do it again!" "How are you voting, Gillette?" asked Buzzell.

"I'm voting 'no,'" replied the musician, sitting down angrily.

Last week the Central Labor Council machine acted to keep this question off the floor, President Sherman ruling a motion out of order.

Last night Buzzell admitted that the rank and file of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union uncompromisingly opposed him on the question of throwing out Moore, and preferred to lose the A. F. of L. charter rather than lose their militant leader.

"I took over the chair and asked for nominations," said Buzzell, "and when they nominated Moore, I refused to recognize the nomination. But they refused to accept my ruling."

## 3 Marines Injured In War Maneuvers

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 15.—Three United States marines were here today on the hospital ship Relief, reported recovering from serious injuries received aboard the battleship California during target practice at sea.

Captain E. P. Day, received a fractured skull, Private Glen Wireman a broken leg and lacerations, and Private Burnett scalp wounds and bruises when recoil from the 14-inch guns knocked them to the deck.

### BOYCOTT HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

"My uncle from Arkansas, a highly educated man, says that

## SCALERS' FRAME-UP TRIAL TO BE PROTESTED BY HALT ON JOB

### DEMONSTRATION IS POSTPONED!

The proposed mass demonstration which was to have been held on the Embarcadero on Wednesday in protest of the frame-up of the four members of the Scalers' Union, now facing a 'murder' charge, has been postponed to another time due to lack of time.

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21, took the stand for the first time on Monday.

On cross examination by Geo. Andersen and Leo Gallagher, I.L.D. attorneys, and Archie Brown, who as one of the defendants is waging his own defense, Robles was repeatedly caught in a welter of lies and contradictions of his previous testimony before the Grand Jury.

### Vicious "Witness"

Robles and Delarosa, another member of the contractors' union smashing clique, were not only proved to be lying systematically, but to be bitterly prejudiced witnesses.

Delarosa for example, when asked if he knew Archie Brown, spat out venomously: "I would know his ashes if he burned up."

To date no evidence of any nature has been offered to even prove that there was a "murder." On the contrary, the testimony given by the house surgeon of the hospital, coroner and Emergency Hospital, where the "victim," Torres, died, brought out the enlightening information that the man had been suffering for years from mortal aneurism and syphilis and had been affected with lobar pneumonia, at the time of his death, ten days after the fight in the hall.

This evidence was corroborated by Torres' own son, who on the stand testified that his father had been under treatment at the University of California clinic for years, and had been subject to frequent dizzy spells, "something like fainting."

The victim, it is interesting to note, died ten days after a fall from a window in the union hall, during the excitement of a premeditated and provocative fight. Time has seen proven conclusively that the "riot" was a part of the employers' plan to break the union, when scabs and repudiated contracts failed.

LONG BEACH, Dec. 15.—Not only have the capitalist papers entered into a conspiracy of silence in the case of the four Scalers on trial for "murder," but even the telegraph wires are being closed against all protest messages on the case.

A telegram sent by H. F. Kane, educational director of Long Beach, to Judge Jacks, protesting the frame-up of the four defendants and demanding their immediate release, was refused after the local telegraph office had previously accepted the message and the payment.

"We are unable to deliver this message because of the illegal nature," the returned message had written across it.

A committee of ten from the local I.L.D. and Local 18 of the PWU visited the local office and demanded reading of the "law" which makes the sending of a workers' telegram of protest illegal.

After attempting to pass the buck, the local agent stated that it was against the laws of the Western Union Corporation to accept any messages "addressed to any court or judge relating to a matter pending before the court."

The copy of the rejected telegram was sent to Judge Jacks by air mail, with the added statement that "the workers could not forego their right to protest to judges or any other public officials."

SENTENCE SUSPENDED, IS WITNESS FOR STATE

The class angle in the trial of the four scalers was brought out sharply, when Gilbert Reyes, one of those involved in the "riot" and witness for the State, received a suspended sentence last Friday for carrying a gun on his possession, illegally.

The night that the "riot" took place, a rank and file member of the union and his little son were accosted outside of the union hall by Reyes in a threatening manner. While advancing upon the father and son, a gun dropped from Reyes' belt. A policeman arriving on the scene had no other alternative but to arrest him.

Today, free as a result of suspension of sentence, Reyes, the gun toter, took the stand to aid the employers in their efforts to frame four union men.

J. B. MacNamara

Now at Folsom;  
Protest Urged

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—J. B. MacNamara, oldest political prisoner in the world, has been transferred from San Quentin, where he has served 24 years, to Folsom prison, heretofore reserved exclusively for men convicted of second offenses.

This was learned Friday when Ida Roth, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, and Rev. C. Coleman of Los Angeles went to San Quentin to see MacNamara, who for nearly a year has been denied all rights and privileges ordinarily granted prisoners at San Quentin.

The action is rank discrimination in view of the fact MacNamara is not a "two-timer." All friends and sympathizers are urgently requested to send telegrams and letters of protest to Warden Holohan at San Quentin and to the prison board at Bakersfield.

### A. F. L. LOCAL RAPS MR. BUZZELL

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 16.—The members of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union here, formerly Local 18656 of the A. F. of L. are sticking together solidly despite the union-wrecking maneuvers of J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council.

After failing three times in his attempt to force the ousting of the militant leadership of the union he tried to destroy it completely by summarily yanking its charter, meanwhile offering a new charter to any group which might wish to form a new union.

At the last meeting of the union the newly elected officers were installed and gave every evidence of carrying out the militant policies demanded of them by the rank and file. The Fishermen's Union has pledged the cannery workers 100 per cent support.

In response to an appeal to all unions to send protests to Mr. Buzzell and William Green, president of the A. F. of L., the following letter was sent to the ardent Los Angeles red-baiter by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Inglewood, California, local:

"We are in receipt of a letter and resolution from the Fish Cannery Workers' Union, No. 18656, with which you are, so doubt, familiar. Now, Mr. Buzzell, this is a very serious matter; not so much for the Fish Cannery, as for you.

"It appears to be an indication of an extremely nervous condition on your part, which if not properly corrected may lead to serious consequences.

"My uncle from Arkansas, a highly educated man, says that

## Defense Rests Case in Juneau Mining Frame-Up

### I. L. D. WAGES BRILLIANT FIGHT IN HOSTILE COURT

(Released by Publicity Committee Alaska Miners Defense)

JUNEAU, Alaska.—On December 6th the defense rested its case in the "riot" trial of the 24 innocent workers, who face from 3 to 15 years each for striking against the intolerable conditions at the Alaska Juneau gold mines.

As the last defense witness Charles Crozier, militant striking miner and vice-president of Local 203, was recalled to the stand. Walking into the courtroom in hunting garb, Crozier carried an old rifle that had been out of use for about 50 years. He also carried a pistol in his pocket, equally aged and hardly visible because of the rust that covered it.

"We offer these weapons in evidence," said defense counsel, Senator Henry Roden. And in answer to the judge's question, Roden answered, "well, the defendants are charged with rioting with dangerous weapons and here are the weapons."

Angered, the "impartial" judge ordered the weapons taken out of the courtroom as workers and jurors alike laughed aloud.

The antiquated weapons were offered the jury in answer to one of the charges which the miners are standing trial. They are charged with assaulting strike-breakers and deputies "with dangerous weapons."

Reputed threats are being made against the chief counsel of the defense Irvin Goodman, and there are rumors current that every effort will be made to "get Goodman before he leaves Alaska."

The workers have established a defense corps however and the militant I.L.D. attorney is constantly guarded. The defendants and workers in Juneau, have now experienced for the first time here, an I.L.D. defense and the local I.L.D. has grown in this town of 3500 people to a membership of over 100.

## LABOR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### San Francisco

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asked the bakers' representatives what guarantee they could give him that the "pot washers" and other culinary workers would not strike for similar raises if he granted the bakers' demands. The bakers retorted they were giving no such guarantees. Delegates from these unions remarked that Hellwig seems to have a deep-rooted and personal dislike for these most poorly paid of his workers, the "pot washers" as he called them.

Delegate Kidwell from the Bakery Wagon Drivers explained that only one picket covers the place, due to the legal restrictions imposed by various city ordinances, police orders, etc. The picket was arrested on Thursday at Mr. Hellwig's personal and insistent request, but he was later released with the admonition that he could call out nothing but "organized labor" while on picket duty.

In opposition to this weak-kneed policy the delegate from the International Ladies Garment Workers described a recent struggle of her union when 150 workers went on the picket line—regardless of the ordinances—and not only won, but brought all the scabs into the union, charging them a slightly higher initiation fee for their scabbing.

Kidwell stated that neither the San Francisco News nor the Chronicle had printed anything about the struggle. However, since he called on them personally they gave it a small space.

Frank West of the Window Cleaners will introduce a resolution at the next Council meeting which will demand that WPA classify window cleaners as skilled workers.

Many local unions have contributed from \$10 to \$25 to the striking Jackson gold miners for their Xmas.

A sailors' delegate announced that four shipping lines, not connected with the big interests, have signed an agreement with the unions for a six-hour day.

### SAVES MAN FROM WATERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Diving from his tugboat during the height of the rainstorm last night, W. George rescued Theodore Nigles from drowning. Nigles was treated for submersion. George refused treatment.

"Yours for the good of the Order,"

(Signed)

"A. C. Johnson."

## STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES VAGUE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON NORTH CHINA SITUATION

### Astonishing Document Attains Marked Eloquence—and Says Nothing!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In response to the tense situation created by Japan's brazen move to secure domination in the North China provinces, Secretary Hull has loosed a cataract of language astonishing for its achievement of eloquence without meaning.

The most astute scholar of anagrams could not decipher any concrete meaning from the official statement other than that American capital has financial interests in the area which are regarded by the U. S. government as inviolate.

The document reads:

"There is going on in and with regard to North China a political struggle which is unusual in character and which may have far-reaching effects. The persons mentioned in reports of it are many; the action is rapid and covers a large area; opinions with regard to it vary; what may come of it no one could safely undertake to say; but, whatever the origin, whoever the agents, be what they may, the methods, the facts stand out that an effort is being made—and is being resisted—to bring about a substantial change in the

## BAY AREA ANTI-WAR CONFAB

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notions; to support the Soviet Union's disarmament proposal; to oppose all developments leading to fascism, and to form committees of action against war in all industrial centers.

### Vigilantism Stressed

Particular attention was given the fight against vigilantism and resolutions were passed by the trade union commission toward involving all unions in a concrete, unified plan to fight this growing menace.

Speakers at last night's mass meeting at the Building Trades Temple were:

Leo Baroway, of the American League; Mrs. Moberg, Ladies Auxiliary of the International Longshoremen's Association; Henry Schmidt, Maritime Federation; Pat Loyden, Central Labor Council of Contra Costa; Bert Leech, American League; Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney; Rev. Ray Studdt, Harry Carlisle, editor of the Western Worker; Clifton Amsbury, American Youth Congress; Douglas Connelley, American Federation of Teachers, and others.

The Alameda Central Labor Council and the Maritime Federation Council, District No. 2, are to be asked to send delegates to the Cleveland Congress at the expense of the American League.

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 14.—More than 1000 persons attended the anti-war meeting held at Lincoln School here last Wednesday night under the auspices of the Central Labor Council.

Despite a pouring rain, workers came from as far as 30 miles to hear speakers from various anti-war organizations explain their program.

Mr. Harvey, vice president of the Executive Board of the People's Foundation cited the role played by the capitalist press in preparing for war and during war. He explained that the people must have a press of their own, controlled by them and not connected in any way with the fascist, Hearst and his kind. He declared 24 months would tell if this country was going fascist.

The greatest applause was given the speaker from the League Against War and Fascism, Bert Leech, state organizer. He left no doubt in anyone's mind that the danger of war is an immediate issue and that fascism is war's closest ally. He stressed the importance of the workers and liberals getting together before it is too late as both war and fascism could be beaten by a united front of all groups such as Epics, Townsendites, Socialists, Communists and the labor organizations.

The speaker from the American Youth Congress also outlined the program of the youth in combatting the twin menaces and pledged their support to the anti-war conference in San Francisco, Dec. 14 and 15. It was stressed by the speaker from the Townsend Club that the Standard Oil Co. was putting on a banquet for its employees the same night in order to keep the workers from getting wise to a fight against war.

political status and condition of several of China's Northern provinces.

U. S. Involved.

"Unusual developments in any part of China are rightfully and necessarily of concern not alone to the government and people of China—but to all of the many powers which have interests in China. For, in relation with China and in China, the treaty rights and the treaty obligations of the 'treaty powers' are in general identical. The United States is one of those powers."

"In the area under reference the interests of the United States are similar to those of other powers. In that area there are located, and our rights and obligations appertain to, a considerable number of American nationals, some American property, and substantial American commercial and cultural activities. The American government is, therefore, closely observing what is happening there."

"Uncertainty and Misgivings."

"Political disturbances and pressure give rise to uncertainty and misgivings and tend to produce economic and social dislocations. They make difficult the enjoyment of treaty rights and the fulfillment of treaty obligations."

"The views of the American government with regard to such matters not alone in relation to China but in relation to the whole world are well known. As I have stated on many occasions, it seems to this government most important in this period of world-wide political unrest and economic instability that governments and peoples keep faith in principles and pledges. In international relations there must be agreements and respect for agreements in order that there may be the confidence and stability and sense of security which are essential to orderly life and progress."

Abiding Faith.

"This country has abiding faith in the fundamental principles of its traditional policy. This country adheres to the provisions of the treaties to which it is a party and continues to bespeak respect by all nations for the provisions of treaties solemnly entered into for the purpose of facilitating and regulating, to reciprocal and common advantage, the contracts between and among the countries signatory."

Secretary Hull has scrupulously avoided plain statements. Nevertheless it sounds a war danger. It is doubtful if America would oppose Japan's throwing a fascist blanket of suppression over North China. The purpose is to suppress the Communist movement which American capital is as anxious to see suppressed as Japan.

Intervention Danger.

It is plainly evident, however, that the growing demand of the Chinese masses for Communism may result in armed intervention by the United States and other foreign powers. It has already resulted in armed intervention by Japan.

Rivalries and frictions between the various imperialist nations are sharp. But as regard suppression of the Chinese Communists, they are in accord.

SHAW AND WERB  
SPEAK AT ENG.  
PEACE MEETING

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political and economic machinery which has abolished exploitation and developed Democracy on a new and higher level.

Particularly interesting are the comments on trade unions. Disproving the lies about Soviet trade unions, the book shows them as voluntary and independent organizations, to which the workers are not compelled to belong, and which nominate their own officers, and by negotiation and conference with the employing agents fix wages and job conditions for the best interests of the workers.

Other famous speakers at the conference included John Maynard, prominent English agricultural official, who described the successes of Soviet collectivization of the farms from first-hand information, and Director Willard of the world-famous Shakespearean theater at Stratford-on-Avon, who stated the Soviet theater was the only one really serving the masses of the people.



## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Soviet Industry Wer Ist's Omissions Egypt Independence Five-Year Plan

MOSCOW—Many branches of Soviet economy are reporting completion of their plans ahead of time. Prominent in the list are the railroads, which have increased their car loadings by more than 21 per cent over last year. Daily car loadings increased from 50,000 in January to 75,000 in November.

Many industries, including automobile, gold, superphosphate, and freight car building, completed their plans by the first of December. The food industry, which has just successfully gone over the top in its plan, increased production by 24.5 per cent compared to last year, and by over 50 per cent compared to two years ago.

The solitary exception to the list of production increases is vodka, which has shown decreases in both of the last two years, although there has been no restriction placed on its consumption. The Soviet workers enjoy life too well to want to get drunk.

BERLIN—The new edition of "Wer Ist's," the German "Who's Who," is notable for its omissions of practically every contemporary artist and scientist of renown. As they are mostly in exile, or locked up in concentration camps, they have been omitted to make way for some previously unknown Nazis who had distinguished themselves for their brutality.

Among prominent writers not listed are Thomas and Heinrich Mann, Arnold and Stefan Zweig, Lionel Feuchtwanger, Franz Werfel, and Emil Ludwig. Very interesting is the list of deceased, given in an appendix. None of the victims of the Nazi "blood purge" of June 30 are given. It will be remembered that one of the victims, Streicher, had been a chancellor of Germany. Although Hitler was forced by the army to admit privately that he had not been guilty of the treason for which he was murdered, his name is not listed as one of the German great.

CAIRO, Egypt—Increasing unrest is prevailing in Egypt following the resignation of Premier Tewfik, member of the W.A.P.D., Nationalist Party. He had been of value as a buffer between the British and the growing anti-imperialist movement. A united front of the anti-imperialists is seeking the restoration of the 1923 constitution, ending of British special privileges, and national independence of Egypt. Tewfik's resignation came as a result of the rejection by the British High Commissioner, Sir Miles Lampson, of any consideration of return to the 1923 constitution.

MOSCOW—Scores of large Soviet plants are promising to fill their five-year plans a year ahead of time. Among these are the Kirov, formerly Putilov, steel plant in Leningrad. At one time the largest steel mill in Russia, this plant has agreed to turn out products valued at 340,000,000 to 350,000,000 rubles next year, 90,000,000 rubles more than had originally been planned for the year 1937. Already the plant is producing at the tempo originally set for the end of the five-year plan.

The records now being set by Soviet workers are a result of the Stakhanoff movement. Originating among the masses of the workers, it aims to make the fullest and most rational use possible of the new technical equipment installed in Soviet plants, producing more than similar equipment in capitalist countries, and raising the earnings and standard of living of the Soviet workers.

### Peace Federation Formed at U.C.L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Planning to counteract militaristic organizations such as Scabbard and Blade, men's military honorary society and Guidon, feminine counterpart, a Peace Federation has been organized at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Organized by Wade Church, debating champion and teaching assistant in the political science department, the group includes representatives of 20 sororities and fraternities.

## EPIC DEMOCRAT WING SETS OUT TO ELECT F. R.

RIGHT GROUP TURNS TO  
POLICY OF CLASS  
COLLABORATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Members of the "Epic wing" of the Democratic County Central Committee were making advances to the "right wing" Democrats—the conservative McAdoo-Dockweiler-Cotton gang—here today to "present a solid front next year in an effort to re-elect President Roosevelt."

However, word came from San Francisco today that Senator McAdoo had "repulsed" these overtures with a statement to the Young Democrats at a Palace Hotel luncheon that "we are for Roosevelt unconditionally."

"We Democrats of California are going to send a Roosevelt delegation to Washington, where the national convention should be held," said the senator. "But wherever the convention is held, the delegation we send will have no strings to it. We are not going to impose any condition such as the adoption of a production-for-use platform."

At the local meeting, a resolution that Upton Sinclair head the Democratic delegation to the convention and that the delegation be pledged for Roosevelt and production-for-use, failed when it was stated a caucus of all wings of the party would be called soon and that adoption of any binding resolution prior to that time would not be "politically strategic."

The members of the county committee, who once were fervent in their idealism for Epic, have thus gone the way of all flesh and all politicians, and are so hungry for political jobs that their tongues are hanging out to lick the McAdoo brogans. Rank-and-file Epics, however, are turning in ever increasing numbers from this policy of class collaboration being fostered by Epic "leaders" and are coming out for a genuine Farmer-Labor Party.

### Labor Ticket Wins Victory at Polls In Aberdeen, Wash.

REACTIONARIES FAIL TO  
STOP RE-ELECTION OF  
LABOR NOMINEE

ABERDEEN, Dec. 16.—The United Labor Ticket won a smashing victory here, when Arthur Tiala, incumbent councilman, was reelected here. R. J. Baumgardner, councilman candidate on the same ticket, but who turned tail on the evening of elections and publicly rejected the support of the United Labor Ticket, was defeated.

Reactionary forces were centered against Tiala, with Dennis Berdine, reactionary member of the Sawmill Timber Workers' Union, who was fined during the general lumber strike for scabbing, running a close second on the "labor" opposition ticket.

Baumgardner, in the capitalist press began a last minute frenzy of red baiting, stating that he was "not a Communist and had no use for any of its tactics." He fought the issuance of leaflets by the United Labor campaign committee.

True to predictions his support immediately weakened, following his denial of the platform that had carried him through the primary elections, and his subsequent defeat was a surprise to no one.

### Teamster Frame-Up Decision Reversed

BISMARCK, N.D. (FP)—Three teamster union officials of Fargo, framed by the Asso. Industries and the lower courts for a riot where they were not present, had their convictions reversed by the North Dakota supreme court. Twelve rank and file workers who were on the scene had sentences of 2 months each sustained. The leaders freed by the court had been given 6-month jolts.

The strike of Local 173 of the teamsters began in Fargo, January 22. Police arrested 95 January 27, alleging a riot and 15 were brought to trial under most unfair conditions. The Nonpartisan Labor Defense, 111 9 St. South, Fargo, is planning to ask for a hearing of the 2-month convictions. Wm. Ballou is local secretary of the committee. Francis Heisler of Chicago was counsel.

## Profits of American Capitalism Almost Doubled by High Prices

### How to Get Your Rent Cut—How to Free Tom Mooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The following from a recent issue of the New York Times: "Addressing the conference of mayors in Washington last week, WPA Administrator Hopkins told this one:

"A certain Bronx landlord had a number of Communist tenants who were always picketing him, bearing placards on which all sorts of demands were written. Finally he called the tenants together and told them he would grant every demand. He would cut rents, repair rooms, repaper halls, install new plumbing and lights.

"But," he demanded, 'will you please tell me how in the hell I am going to free Tom Mooney?'"

(If they didn't, they should have answered him: "The same way we got our rent cut.")

### AGLU Man Named On Labor Board; Legion In Protest

VIGILANTES OPPOSE THE  
APPOINTMENT OF  
A. L. WIRIN

EL CENTRO, Calif.—Appointment of A. L. Wirin as counsel of the National Labor Relations Board has excited considerable comment from the local fascist-legion element, who it will be remembered, came close to lynching him in a cowardly attack in the spring of 1934. Mr. Wirin, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, was at that time defending lettuce strikers, and defending them much too successfully to suit the shipper-grower group. Now, to their surprise and indignation, Mr. Wirin has been put in a position where in the future he might possibly be able to dictate to them.

Their response has at times neared the threshold of pure farce. That the Imperial County Bar Association and the El Centro Chamber of Commerce see eye to eye is evidenced by their resolutions asking that the Hon. J. Warren Madden, chairman of the Labor Relations Board, reveal the names of the justices, judges, officers of the Los Angeles Bar Association, and the United States senator who endorsed his appointment.

Mr. Paul Jenkins, new manager of the Imperial Valley Press, controlled by Ed Hass, Los Angeles financier, obeyed his master's commands and sent a frantic letter to Senator McAdoo, objecting to Wirin's appointment. Jenkins, who was not even in the valley at the time of the brutal attack on Wirin, is doing all he can to curry favor with Imperial Valley by giving the protest newspaper space.

The reply of McAdoo, to the effect that he would oppose Wirin's nomination, was printed in full on the front page. The complacent smugness and self-righteousness of the local fascists has seldom been shown to better advantage. It is to be hoped that the appointment of Mr. Wirin, whose loyalty to labor is unquestionable, will not be set aside by the hysteria of a few noisy Imperial Valley crackpots.

### City Attorney at L.A. Stalls on One- Man Car Ordinance

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Although the city attorney had previously ruled that the City has power to remove the ramshackle one-man street cars of the L. A. Railway Corp. from the streets, the City Council today adopted another resolution demanding a further interpretation of the ruling.

The city attorney is asked to rule on how far the city's police power may be used against the obsolete cars. The previous ruling was that the City could ban by ordinance the one-man cars on the grounds that they are unsafe and cause traffic congestion. One-man cars have been involved in five serious accidents here within the past two months.

Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini!

### BUT WAGES ONLY SHOW SLIGHT RISE WHICH IS OFFSET BY INCREASED LIVING COST

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Take a look at this, brother! The squeeze was not put on you without benefit to America's three per cent of the population which owns 85 per cent of all the wealth.

And while you are glancing over this list, bear in mind that although profits increased 44 per cent, total payrolls only went up a little over six per cent. Meanwhile, total sales dropped and these profits were wrung from your hide by huge price increases. The net results for you has been a WAGE CUT.

The 64 industrial firms listed below reported net profits of \$1,000,000 or over for the first nine months of 1935, an increase of nearly 44 per cent over the corresponding period in 1934. From a total of \$296,005,351 profits in the 1934 period they rose to a total of \$426,211,525 for the first three quarters of the current year. For the most part this is on top of substantial profit increases in 1934 over 1933.

Here is the net profit record of the 64 companies after deductions for depreciation, interest, taxes and other charges and reserves:

Profits First Nine Months		1935	1934
Acme Steel Co.	1,319,817	\$ 867,532	
Air Reduction Co.	3,895,787	3,077,199	
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	1,374,919	907,177 deficit	
American Bank Note Co.	1,024,886	319,721 deficit	
American Cyanamid Co.	2,533,969	1,573,988	
American Rolling Mill Co.	3,011,140	1,453,919	
Anaconda Copper Mining Co.	7,856,153	1,926,706xx	
Beech-Nut Packing Co.	1,384,193	1,199,486	
Bendix Aviation Corp.	1,959,110	1,742,439	
Bethlehem Steel Corp.	1,895,227	139,472	
Borg-Warner Corp.	4,213,008	2,518,481	
Briggs Mfg. Co.	7,384,246	4,825,576	
Bristol-Myers Co.	1,828,977	1,566,088	
Caterpillar Tractor	4,311,644	2,932,892	
Chrysler Corp.	23,184,458	9,422,826	
Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co.	1,038,470	502,210	
Coca-Cola Co.	12,447,336	10,870,143	
Columbia Carbon Co.	2,127,786	1,661,651	
Continental Oil Co.	5,568,802	4,432,594	
Crown Cork & Seal Co.	1,711,572	1,326,557	
Douglas Aircraft Co.	1,082,746	275,204 deficit	
E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.	40,154,667	38,727,818	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	1,265,877	866,969	
Electric Auto-Lite Co.	1,778,752	1,767,477	
Flinkote Co.	1,094,488	298,588	
General Electric Co.	71,205,332	13,645,551	
General Motors Corp.	114,482,926	92,445,341	
Gillette Safety Razor Co.	3,293,893	3,158,790	
Greyhound Corp. (and affiliates)	6,326,767	4,729,286	
M. A. Hanna Co.	1,351,214	1,131,050	
Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.	2,164,547	1,689,524	
Hershey Chocolate Corp.	3,895,769	3,857,165	
Houdaille-Hershey Corp.	1,942,765	853,824	
Inland Steel Co.	6,668,510	3,180,259	
International Business Machines	5,304,844	5,053,514	
Johns-Manville Corp.	1,573,040	586,554	
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.	5,595,478	2,819,068	
Maytag Co.	1,928,000	1,470,459	
Minneapolis-Honeywell			
Regulator Co.	1,057,826	551,959	
Montoto Chemical Co.	2,808,687	1,945,230	
Murray Corp. of America	1,129,200	56,661	
National Steel Corp.	8,603,756	4,582,896	
New Jersey Zinc Co.	3,342,216	2,833,149	
Otis Steel	1,360,488	570,290	
Phillips Petroleum Co.	9,850,428	4,208,707	
Radio Corp. of America	2,801,123	2,177,000	
Republic Steel Corp.	3,264,295	2,193,157 deficit	
Royal Typewriter Co.	1,932,722	549,790	
Seaboard Oil Co.	1,222,652	1,071,498	
Shell Union Oil Corp.	4,411,649	550,021	
Skelly Oil Co.	1,575,054	593,430	
Skelly Oil Co. of California	15,759,001	13,246,442	
Sterling Products, Inc.	6,628,301	6,530,521	
Stewart-Warner Corp.	1,329,422	565,782	
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.	5,265,209	5,250,380	
Tide Water Association Oil Co.	5,829,237	4,582,669	
Timken Roller Bearing Co.	5,820,136	2,999,506	
Twentieth Century-Fox Film	1,996,325	1,566,213	
Underwood-Elliott-Fisher	1,995,919	1,850,137	
Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	16,780,882	13,469,600	
U. S. Gypsum Co.	2,888,935	1,777,574	
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	8,822,640	363,787 deficit	
Wheeling Steel Corp.	2,251,468	145,390	
L. A. Young Spring & Wire	1,202,836	718,556	
TOTAL	\$426,211,525	\$296,095,351	

Increase in net profits of these leading companies is thus considerably greater than the 28.3 per cent increase during the same nine-month period reported by Business Week for 327 companies representing 27 different industries. Aggregate profits of these companies rose from \$438,534,000 in 1934 (nine-month) period to \$562,716,000 this year. Largest increase—220 per cent—was shown by companies in the retail merchandising field, involving such large concerns as Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, J. C. Penney.

Profits of the Machinery and machinery equipment industry rose 108 per cent; electrical equipment 100 per cent; automobile accessories, 65.9 per cent; and automobiles, 48.5 per cent. Based on "statements of industrial corporations so far released, Moody's Investment Survey (November 14, 1935) reports an even greater increase for first nine months over comparable period last year—32 per cent. It declares that "the gain for the whole year should be nearly as large," representing a much greater improvement in profits "than had been generally expected only a short time ago." It declares that "new economies" (read: labor-displacing machines, lay-offs, speed-up, wage cuts) have been "introduced to the point where any additions to the volume of business are quickly reflected in net profits." It adds: "Unless new burdens (read: wage increases, taxation for social legislation, or a 30-hour week) are imposed it will be natural to see net profits continue to rise at a faster rate than volume of sales."

### BUMPER SOVIET HARVEST

TORONTO, Canada.—(FP)—A bumper crop was harvested from Soviet wheat fields this year, according to the information bulletin of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The increase over the 1934 crop is given as 100,000,000 bushels. The Soviets exported 14,000,000 bushels of wheat during two months in the early fall, says the bulletin, referring to the Soviets as the "dark horse of the world—wheat picture."

### I.L.D. MAKES XMAS PLEA

N. Y.—(FP)—Concurrently with the annual New York Times appeal for the "100 neediest cases," the Prisoners Relief Department of the International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th street, New York, has launched a \$5000 campaign to bring Christmas cheer and monthly relief checks to 100 labor and political prisoners and their families.

### BOYCOTT HEARST ADVERTISERS!

### S.P. Pickets "Red Salute" As "New Leader" Runs Ad

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—So busy is the Old Guard of the Socialist Party in fighting the United Front proposed in the interest of all workers by the Communist Party, they have failed to notice that such is not so with the rank and file of the Socialist Party.

An ironic situation was revealed here when the Socialist Party members while picketing the notorious anti-labor picture "Red Salute" along with the American League Against War and Fascism and the International Seamen's Union, were amazed to receive their December 7th edition of the New Leader (official organ of the Old Guard Socialist Party) carrying an advertisement of the very same picture, they were busy picketing at the time.

### Gulf Maritime Workers Act to Form Federation

INITIAL CONFERENCE FOR  
SOLIDARITY OPENS

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 11.—The first steps will be taken towards the formation of a Maritime Federation of the Gulf ports when a conference of representatives of all locals of marine unions both dockers and seamen will open here.

The formation of such a federation, on the model of the successful Maritime Federation of the Pacific, was first proposed by the Rank and File Strike Committee of Houston.

Mass sentiment in all unions is highly in favor of a federation. All locals of the I.L.A., Masters, Mates and Pilots, Marine Engineers Association and such locals of the I. S. U. as were able to hold meetings will send delegates to the conference. The I. S. U. locals had been ordered by the reactionary district committee and international officers to discontinue holding meetings during the longshore strike, for fear the rank and file would call a strike in support of the dockmen.

At one time during the strike a local federation was set up in Galveston, with I. S. U. delegates present. They withdrew on orders from their international officers, but the seamen's sentiment is entirely for the formation of a federation similar to the one now so effective on the Pacific Coast. The question of the I. S. U. affiliating will be no doubt urged at the Seamen's Convention, which will be held in Washington, D. C. on January 18th, by rank and file delegates from the Pacific district.

At present, the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation has an authorized representative active in the Gulf for the interest of the West Coast maritime workers, Van Ermen, New Orleans secretary of the A. R. T. A. was designated as representative by the recent West Coast emergency convention of the federation.

The constitution for the proposed Gulf Federation is being modeled as closely as local conditions will allow to that of the Pacific Coast Federation.

### New Scheme Used by Bosses to Cut Pay

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—When a mill is closed down, its laid-off employees naturally want it to open up again. But when the company circulates a petition among the workers asking itself to open up, there's something fishy.

The United Textile Workers' Union has reported to the National Labor Relations Board that the Loie Mill of Douglasville, Ga., circulated a petition for laid-off workers to sign. In it they were represented as declaring that they were "in desperate need of work;" that they wanted the mill to reopen "if it is at all practical and can be done without material loss to the company;" and that they would "agree to such rules and regulations as are in effect at other mills in this section of the country."

The union charges that this petition was circulated by the company "in an effort to start up the

## NEGLECT ON WPA PROJECT CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

OFFICIALS REFUSED TO  
CALL DOCTOR WHEN  
SHE COLLAPSED

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 14.—Direct result of neglect by WPA administrators, "Arkansas," aged woman on the local sewing project, is dead—murdered!

Known affectionately as "Arkansas" by her fellow-workers on the project, Effie Dunwoody, 62, collapsed while working last Wednesday, was denied medical attention, and died five minutes after she was finally taken home in automobile.

Since starting on the project, she had received no money or carfare and had been walking around in extreme hunger for several days, missing one day's work because of her critical condition.

When she told her fellow-workers on Wednesday that she thought she was dying, a nurse's attempt to phone for help was stopped by officials. A registered nurse working on the project noticed her critical condition and demanded that a doctor be called.

Betty Howell, another nurse on the project, replied: "We can't call a doctor on the project!"

Finally "Arkansas" was carried out on a stretcher and propped in the front seat of an automobile. There was no money for a hospital, so they drove her eight miles to her home. She leaned on the driver's shoulder all the way. Five minutes after she arrived home, "Arkansas" died.

Doctors assigned heart failure as "cause" of death, explaining away her malnutrition by calling it "gas on the stomach."

Immediately a committee from Local 18 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union met with Cleo Brooks, assistant city manager, and Dr. MacDonald, City Health Department head, and told them that the WPA officials on the project must be held responsible for the death. The committee demanded an immediate investigation into the death by city WPA authorities, and more healthful conditions on the job, with adequate medical attention on hand at all times.

### FERRYBOATMEN VOTE TO JOIN IN FEDERATION

THREE TO ONE VOTE FOR  
AFFILIATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—That the rank and file of the Ferryboatmen Union feel their isolation from the rest of maritime workers, was revealed with the final tally of the secret ballot on the question of affiliation to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

By a vote of 346 to 117 the membership voted for affiliation. Being the only major maritime union not in the folds of the Federation, has rankled the ferryboatmen, who have seen the federation grow into a powerful fighting organization, despite the predictions and attempted sabotage of their own president, C. W. Deal.

The ferryboatmen were left out as a result of the refusal of rank-and-file delegates to the initial convention of the Maritime Federation to allow the seating of Deal and Captain John Fox as delegates to the convention for the ferryboatmen. Due to their anti-federation stand before the convention, rank-and-file delegates insisted that the ferryboatmen should send representatives who would truly carry out the spirit under which the Federation was born.

The membership was instead given to understand by these reactionary leaders that the ferryboatmen were not wanted in the Federation.

The issue clouded and confused for almost a year by these treacherous leaders, is at last clarified by the membership.

### A.F.L. LEGISLATIVE PLAN

ALBANY, N. Y.—(FP)—The New York State Federation of Labor approved a 1936 legislative program, providing for ratification of the federal child labor amendment, special compensation for industrial silicosis victims, and regulation of private employment agencies, strikebreaking agencies and working conditions in hotels.

plant under conditions that will greatly reduce the wages of the workers." A hearing on the case was set by the board for Dec. 3 in Atlanta.

## EAST OF THE Rockies

### WPA Demands 7-Months Strike Strike Ordinance Drug Store Pickets Industrial Unions Backed

TOLEDO (FP)—Through the Lucas County Workers Alliance, WPA project workers in Toledo are demanding abolition of travel on workers' time, work on city rather than out of town projects, sufficient clothing, carfare or chartered busses to distant projects, fires on all projects, placement near their own homes, sick leave, and 50c an hour for common labor.

CLEVELAND (FP)—After 7 months on the picket line, striking employees of 11 breweries in Cleveland and vicinity have signed an agreement covering all departments. All unionists are to be reinstated without prejudice. The strikers, numbering 400, are members of Brewery Workers Local 17. A jurisdictional dispute with Cleveland craft union forces complicated the early stages of the strike.

CINCINNATI (FP)—The Milwaukee Boncel law under which the city under certain conditions may close a plant where a strike is on is being studied by the city solicitor's office at the request of two Cincinnati councilmen-elect.

The Milwaukee ordinance provides that in cases where a strike involves 200 or more persons within an area of more than one-half mile, the mayor may sit with a committee of three employers, three clerks, and three employees and decide whether the situation constitutes a danger. If so, the committee may order the plant closed. A similar ordinance is being discussed in New York City.

MINNEAPOLIS (FP)—Twin City trade unionists are picketing 20 Walgreen drug-stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in protest against the discharge of union card writers and window dressers. The men had formed the union to protect themselves against low wages and hours running as high as 90 a week. Sign writers brought in from Chicago to take their places were not told a strike was in progress.

### Crew In Danger As Fifth British Ship Despatches S.O.S.

BRITISH SEAMEN FORCE  
INQUIRY OF SHIP  
DISASTERS

LONDON, England, Dec. 9.—While the resumed inquiry into the loss of four British ships with the lives of 96 se



## Rip Tides

By Le Mac.

How typically American . . . the big blustering leader in the fight for American participation in the Nazi Olympics, on the grounds of 'sportsmanship and fair play' . . . the man who stated the American seaman now lying in a Hitler concentration camp, "probably deceived to be there" . . . now faces prison for defrauding thousands of bondholders.

I was down in Brazil in 1932, B.C. (Before Class Conscious) and I noted many things then, that I only understand today. . . . One thing struck me forcibly . . . when the native longshoremen came aboard to work the ship, I was amazed at the number of them. . . . They all, save for a few hatch tenders disappeared into the holds of the ship. . . . Curiously I looked down one of the hatches to see if it really took that many men to make up the slingshots of cargo. . . . strangely enough, only a few were working . . . the rest were lying prone on top of the cargo in the wings out of the sun. . . . After an hour or so, those lying in the shade would come out into the glare of the hatch and the men who had been busy loading up the slings took their place in the wings of the hatch. . . . At first amused . . . after spending two or three hours over the side on a stage under a hot Brazilian sun . . . chipping rust. . . . It slowly dawned on me . . . that the system the longshoremen were working under was not so screwy after all . . . it in fact seemed to be a darn good idea. . . . I mentioned the fact to my stagepartner . . . he mumbled something about the native longshoremen having "a damn strong union."

Noon time I engaged in conversation with one of the hatch tenders. . . . Hoping to feel him out. . . . I first spoke about the revolution going on in the mountains back of Santos. . . . he kept his mouth shut as tight as a clam. I then mentioned that the longshoremen must have a pretty strong union to have two gangs in every hold instead of one. . . . His answer was, "Union very strong now, if no revolution come soon, union will be finished."

Today, three years later, I understand his answer. There is revolution going on down there. . . . and I am quite sure the vanguard are those longshoremen, who have already tasted of freedom from the yoke of the exploitive imperialist.

And while my mind is in Brazil I recall quite clearly . . . the youthful coffee plantation workers . . . in uniforms three or four sizes too big for them . . . guns far too heavy for them . . . and a bewildered stare in their young eyes . . . as they marched down the broad boulevard and up over the mountains just beyond Rio. . . . Each day a repetition of the previous. . . . I saw one of them break ranks and drop his cumbersome gun as he made dracks for the nearby docks . . . and suffer a beating at the hands of the local police that left him lying unconscious on the cobblestones . . . while the pitiful regiment marched on.

And today I also understand the feeling that swept over men . . . as our rusty old, hungry shipping board ship left the harbor of Rio well down over our stern . . . and I gazed across the harbor to a high mountain top, where a huge lighted cross some 160 feet in height . . . looked down to the city below. . . . "La Corodova" . . . the natives have named it. . . . How I smirked to myself . . . as I thought of these young kids marching off to slaughter to protect the interests of the imperialist powers while the lighted cross threw its "holy" rays across the battle strewn mountains. . . . Strange, I who did not even know what revolution meant . . . found myself repeating the words I had heard whispered in the barrooms and markets, "VIVE LE REVOLUTION."

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## RANK AND FILE WAREHOUSEMAN LISTS ANTI-LABOR RECORD OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNION

A FEW REASONS WHY "FLANNELMOUTH" FLANNAGAN  
SHOULD BE KICKED OUT OF LOCAL 38-44

By a Warehouseman

SAN FRANCISCO—Since "Flannelmouth" Flannagan, former president of our local (I.L.A. Warehousemen, No. 38-44), was kicked out of office for anti-union activity he has been carrying on perhaps more activities against the rank and file than he did while he was still in office. Here are a few items from his record, which not only show why he was removed, but are just that many more reasons why he should soon be out of the union altogether.

He tried to prevent the extra men in our organization from having any voice in the local. He made every effort to stop any member of the organization from showing him up in the pages of the "Waterfront Worker," because he knew his history wouldn't stand much fresh air or sunlight. Flannagan actually threatened the expulsion of any one caught writing up some of his actions for publication.

### Against Federation

Such attacks against sincere individual members were only a small part of his crimes against the workers, however. One of the worst points against him was his continual attacks on the Maritime Federation, and his efforts to split the Warehousemen's Union away from such militant locals as I.L.A. Local 38-79 and the Seamen.

He said: "The Longshoremen have to give the Warehousemen work out of their hiring hall, whether they like it or not," and so, he maintained, we owed them no loyalty, but should "string along with Mike Casey and the Teamsters' Union," instead.

We certainly have always been willing to "string along" with the Teamsters, or any other group of workers, but we know all about Mike Casey.

Flannagan has actually advocated scabbing. When the strike of the Rosenberg Packing Company was in progress in Oakland, Flannagemouth openly told us we should handle the shipments of scab canned goods because "the bosses were getting sore."

### Charges Brought

Well, the bosses might have been getting sore, but so were we, brother Flannagan.

Some of the members brought charges against him finally, and the trial committee found him guilty. He squirmed out of it the first time by counting the secret ballot of the membership on whether to concur in the trial committee's report. He did this while surrounded by a coterie of his closest henchmen, and no one ever did know what the results of that ballot were.

These charges so frightened him that he had some of his pal dump three of the militant members who had instigated them. Later, one of these militants was threatened right in a membership meeting and was forced to defend himself against a beef squad. Flannagemouth never did any of this dumping himself.

### Boasting No Help

Even his boast that he was responsible for the organization of the Bay District warehousemen couldn't save him. The rank and file knew that one of the union functionaries (not connected with Flannagan's official "family") had done more along this line all alone, than either Flannagemouth or his predecessor, Harvey Carty. He fought the adoption of the new constitution of the local, and was very disruptive at the meeting at which it was adopted over his head. He opposed the S.F. United Labor Ticket Campaign, and called the workers who were working to make Redfern Mason the first labor mayor in the city's history, a "Jew outfit."

We knew before this that you were bad, but this was the first intimation you were a Nazi, Flannagemouth.

### Like To Be Cop

But his goose was cooked, and he began to look around for a new job. He applied for a job where he knew he would find lots of funky company—he applied for a job on the POLICE FORCE. And so he was thrown out of office. But he didn't get the job on the police force—some of his friends must have thought he would be more valuable fighting against the rise of militant trade unionism if he stayed in the local. So he is still in it, carrying on his red-baiting, anti-federation campaign. He is going from warehouse to warehouse, spreading lies and slander. He tried to get some of the boys to sign a petition

to nominate him for president of the union again, but they tore up the petition and threw it on the floor.

He doesn't work—hasn't turned a hand since he was thrown out of his pie-card job. How does he get by?

Well, brother Flannagan, we can tell you we are going to continue along the lines we have laid down for ourselves, and when we get through we will not only have such enemies of the working class as yourself out of the way, but we will have your masters out of the way also.

## Treatment of Men In Lincoln Heights Told L. A. Council

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES—The City Council nally gave an open hearing to our protest committee, led by the International Labor Defense, here, Dec. 10, on the discrimination shown the political prisoners—James McShann, Harold Hendricks and John Sanders—in Lincoln Heights jail.

President Burns first objected that the matter was not on the agenda, but those interested were asked to stand, and almost everybody in the room rose. The Council then decided to hear us.

We told them we had 1500 signatures on a petition circulated by an Epic Club demanding proper medical attention and an end to discrimination against these prisoners, who "in the interests of justice should be freed." Another speaker then described the conditions in the jail.

No action was taken by the councilmen, but we will continue to push the protest.

## Loren Miller to Speak Dec. 20th Cultural Center.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—Loren Miller, Negro journalist-lecturer, until recently a member of the editorial staff of The New Masses, will speak on "The Negro in American Literature" at the Cultural Center Auditorium, 230 South Spring street, on Friday, December 20th, at 8 p. m.

"Georgia Nigger," by John L. Spivak, will be reviewed by Mrs. Harriet Prenter.

The program is the third in a series of literary events under the auspices of the Los Angeles Workers' Library. Admission will be 10 cents.



"I'll rush and get you a tow car!"  
"Take it easy; the boss is in the rumble seat."

## "SABOTAGE"

By Ikram Vokreb

Wheat,  
Golden wheat, stop swaying in the breeze.  
Back and forth,  
Back and forth, stop! I say, cease!  
Yes,  
Little wheat, taunt me now and have your joke  
Cause soon you'll be just curling smoke.

No longer shall the threshers tread.  
Bakers roll,  
Pound and bake you into crispy bread.  
Ha!  
Better shake your tousled head  
Because, dear wheat, you'll soon be dead.

Destroy  
The fruit, vegetable, factory and silk.  
Burn them all;  
Turn them to ashes, then spill the milk.  
I  
Am capitalism selfish and insane.  
I would destroy creation for my greedy gain.

## Arbitration Favors Newark Guild After Eight Months' Wait

NEWARK, N. J.—(FP)—Eight months after the signing of an arbitration agreement, an award has been handed down upholding the Newark Newspaper Guild's contention that eight former Newark Ledger employees were discharged for guild activity.

The eight were discharged Nov. 14, 1934. In the settlement of the ensuing bitter strike on March 28, the guild agreed to arbitrate certain issues, including its demand for reinstatement of the dismissed employees. The award directs re-

instatement as of March 28, and the eight will be entitled to collect pay from then until May 20, the duration of a chancery court trusteeship of the Ledger Co.

"The dangers of the slow process of arbitration were demonstrated in this case," commented Pres. Nathan L. Goldberg of the Newark guild. "The guild did all in its power to expedite the proceedings, yet the decision was not given until more than eight months after the signing of the agreement. One of the eight men vindicated by the committee's findings died while the decision was pending. Despite its belatedness, the award is a material victory for guild principles."

## Marine Workers Enforce Ban on Standard Oil

JOINT ACTION OF SHIP  
AND DOCK WORKERS  
EFFECTIVE

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—A perfect example of organized job action was carried out by the entire crew of the Forbes Hauptman and the longshore gang loading the vessel, when they threatened to suspend work unless eleven drums of boycotted Standard Oil product were removed from the ship.

The drums had been placed aboard the ship just before she left for Oakland. Upon arrival there, a joint meeting of the crew and the longshoremen was held in the Radio Operators' shack, and the demand that the boycotted cargo be removed by eleven o'clock was drawn up and sent to the company. Work was then resumed until the agreed deadline.

At 11 o'clock, all hands knocked off again and the committee, representing all crafts retired to the Radio Operators' cabin, where plans of action were discussed. A few moments later, a representative of the company rushed aboard to tell the men that the Standard Oil drums were being taken off at once.

Work was once more resumed as the last drum went over the side. A real victory had been gained by the organized action of all crafts involved.

## NEW WAR BASE UNDER WAY ON PACIFIC COAST

WPA FUNDS USED TO BUILD  
FORT ON SAN CLEMENTE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 9.—Materials for fortifying San Clemente Island (located some miles off the coast near San Diego) continue to be ferried to the island.

Naval officials here are reticent above the projects which are being constructed on this island which occupies a strategic position in case the Southern California coast was the subject of an attack in time of war. They claim to have no information concerning the anti-aircraft gunnery school which Secretary of the Navy Swanson revealed was going to be established on the island, in his annual report.

It has been revealed, however, that the Navy will build a steel and concrete pier, and that barracks, a mess hall and other structures to house a permanent naval force will be built. Roads, a water supply system and sewers, as well as a rifle range are to be built.

An auxiliary landing field for naval aircraft is to be established. Most of the work being done and planned for this new naval base, is being financed as a WPA project, although some of the work is also being done under private contract, by the Navy.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

## SO THE PEOPLE PAY THE PUBLIC FOR THE PARK?

MUNICIPAL LAND VALUED  
AT \$350 AN ACRE IS  
CHEAPER TO SOME

OAKLAND—A curious racket, with the public buying a large section of land that already belongs to the public, at \$350 an acre was aired in the regular session of the Alameda County Central Labor Council of Dec. 9. Delegate Roberts of the Stationary Engineers Union, who is also a member of the regional park board, reported that 3000 WPA workers have gone to work on the new park project, with 2000 more scheduled for it very soon.

This land, all idle, is owned by the East Bay Municipal Water District. However, in order to make a park of it the park board must buy the land from the Utility District. Ex-Governor Pardee, apparent czar of the district, has made the park board a price of \$350 per acre.

Some time ago a choice 40 acres of this land was sold to Oakland's Chief of Police Wallman at \$40 per acre. Last week another 40 acre tract, with a good stand of redwoods, was sold to a local capitalist for \$35 per acre.

Pardee has agreed to lease the land to the Federal government for one year so the WPA workers, at a cost of two million dollars can improve it for park use. At the end of that time the people of the East Bay will be asked to vote a bond issue of about one million dollars, so the park board can buy this land which belongs to the "people" of the Water District so the "people" of the same district can use it for a park.

It is believed that somebody may pick up some graft.

## DAIRY MEN SET UP UNIONS; TO FIGHT T.B. TEST

ENDEAVOR TO INSTITUTE  
SENATORIAL PROBE

FRESNO.—New locals of the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union have recently been set up in Modesto and Newman in Stanislaus County; Hilmar in Merced County, and Fairfield in Solano County. There are now sixteen active units in the Union.

The first annual meeting of the union took place recently in Los Banos. The following were elected to the executive board and offices in the Union: A. J. Borba, Kings County, president; Dr. J. E. Van Sant, Kern County, vice president; T. R. Rodriguez, Merced County, secretary; D. J. Badasci, Fresno County, treasurer; Joe Triston, Tulare County; V. J. Hostetter, San Benito County; and John Porytess, Fresno County.

The union is endeavoring to secure a state senatorial investigation. Should this fail the organization will carry the fight to Washington, D. C. in an attempt to secure greater compensation for condemned cows as well as changes in the method of carrying on the testing.

Members of the union feel that the present method of "spot" testing one county and then another without system should be replaced by the testing of all counties in one part of the state at a time.

## NO RACIAL HATRED IN U.S.S.R., SAYS STALIN

MOSCOW.—(FP)—National and racial hatred have been wiped out in the U.S.S.R., Joseph Stalin, Soviet leader, told a conference of collective cotton farmers from Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

"Friendship between peoples is growing and strengthening," he said to the Asiatic delegates. "As long as his friendship exists, our country will be free and unconquerable."

## Where to Go Los Angeles

HELP THE WESTERN WORKER Start the New Year Right. Benefit New Year's Eve Dance, Dec. 31, Cultural Center, 230 South Spring street. Auspices: C. P., Downtown Sub-section.

"THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN Literature," lecture by Loren Miller, associate editor New Masses; Harriet Prenter reviews "Georgia Nigger," by John Spivak. Auspices L. A. Workers' Library, Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street, Friday, Dec. 20, 8 p. m.

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## San Francisco

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN—Christmas Eve, a 779 Vallejo Affair. Dance, Entertainment, Games. Admission 15c. Benefit: Christmas Relief for Political Prisoners.

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Have You a Date XMAS EVE. If not make one for the ANNUAL BALL of the International Workers Order at 121 Haight street, Tuesday Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Good Music. Lots of fun. Plenty of recreation.

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BENEFIT DINNER GIVEN for Western Worker fund, Sat., Dec. 21st 3rd floor, 121 Haight st. Time 2 p. m. to 12 p. m. Price 35 cts plate, wine included. Entertainment. Auspices Unit 4, Mission.

LOST—LADIES PURSE AT Vietcherinka of South Slave held Sunday, Dec. 8th at 779 Vallejo. \$5.00 reward for contents. Return to Western Worker.

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## Los Angeles

Workers' Library, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p.m. Admission ten cents.

SAT, DEC. 28TH WILL BE the Japan Night (Rodo Shimbun). Watch further announcements.

HEAR LEO GALLAGHER, famous labor defense attorney, and CARL HOWE, of Gallup Defense Committee, at the Christmas Concert for Political Prisoners, Dec. 21st, Mason Opera House, 127 South Broadway. Auspices: I. L. D. District 14.

XMAS EVE DANCE. At Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street, December 24. Auspices L. A. Workers' School. EVERYONE will be there. Music by famous Woodman Bros. Syncoators. Snazzy floor show. Refreshments. Admission 25 Cents.

## How Units Can Build The Western Worker

The question of building the section and unit bundles of the WESTERN WORKER is one that should be discussed thoroughly by the section and unit leadership and the results of the discussions brought to the unit membership. No work undertaken by the unit members can exceed in importance the work of building neighborhood WESTERN WORKER delivery routes. The results of this work serve as the best possible guide to the actual amount of work being done in the neighborhood by the unit. The following plan is one which has been found to work in practice.

### Thorough Planning.

After correct discussion in the unit bureau and unit meeting on the importance of building routes and thus collecting around the unit a group of regularly contacted readers of the Party Press, the next step is to outline a unit plan of work. This plan of work should be a practical one and should be framed for a period of not more than two or three weeks. It should, therefore, consist of such immediate tasks as can actually be realized within that period. It should be related to the concentration point of the unit, its most important point should be, of course, recruiting, and the unit will find that nothing can

aid in this work so much as the building of Western Worker deliveries.

### Set a Quota

Let us assume that a unit of ten members decides to obtain three new readers of the paper within three weeks. If this unit has a concentration point of a factory or shop in its territory, then it will endeavor to obtain these readers among the workers in that plant, and this work will be discussed in a later article. In the case of a neighborhood unit without any such concentration point the work lies along

different lines. The first step is for the unit bureau to survey their territory and decide on and recommend to the membership a block in the territory in which mainly working class elements live, and to adopt this as the concentration point of the unit.

### Constant Plugging

For the first two weeks of this work the unit must assign two members whose most important unit task will be to see that every family in this block receives a copy of the Western Worker, if the unit cannot afford to increase its bundle for this

work, very recent copies may be used for the free distribution.

At the end of the two weeks period, two of the best developed comrades in the unit must be assigned to canvass thoroughly the homes which have received the paper. After discussing the Western Worker and its role in the day-to-day lives of the individuals who are being canvassed, these comrades should solicit a trial subscription for one month at a cost of 25 cents.

### Will Get Results

A reliable comrade should be assigned by the unit to deliver papers twice a week to subscribers under this plan. Arrangements should be made with the section or sub-section to obtain these delivery papers at a special rate of 2 cents. The cost per delivery will then be between 16 cents and 18 cents per month and the balance of the 25 cents obtained may be given to the comrade to pay for carfare or shoe leather.

If this plan is actually put into practice, it will be found very successful and will result in a gradual and healthy building of the unit bundle order.

Contacts obtained should be regularly visited by developed unit members and this will result in building the party and the mass organizations.

## WESTERN WORKER 4 YEARS OLD

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SPECIAL EDITION ON DECEMBER 28TH

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## SECTIONS MUST ORDER AT ONCE

The WESTERN WORKER will publish a special eight-page issue on Dec. 27 (dated Dec. 30) commemorating the fourth birthday of our paper. Twenty thousand additional copies of this issue will be run off for distribution in the various sections of District No. 13.

Many interesting features are being worked up by the staff for the special issue. There will be articles on the war situation, on the Labor Party, the Philippine Islands and other items.

Sections are urged to send in their orders for extra bundles of the special issue AT ONCE so that distribution will not be held up. Remember the date—December 27—the occasion, the Fourth Anniversary of the WESTERN WORKER.



## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Nationally it has been announced by Harry Hopkins that direct relief will continue for all WPA workers until they receive a full pay check. A "final" appropriation has been granted to California for this purpose. But local relief officials seeking to make sure of their own salaries and to save the larger portion of this Government grant so as to lessen the amount California will have to appropriate for direct relief in the coming year, are busy slashing WPA workers off SERA weeks before they receive a WPA pay check.

Lincoln and Elysian districts (in Los Angeles) where the unemployed are not so strongly organized as elsewhere, seemed to have been singled out for initial and special attention. Hundreds of SERA checks were withdrawn, a few small grocery orders issued and the cases marked closed.

Anthony Burke in the Elysian district was handed a 33 cent order to pay his rent, carfare and buy food until he receives a WPA check. . . . Payday for him on WPA is 12 days away.

However, the relief hold-out failed to go off as planned and back-fired into the laps of the SERA officials. A living avalanche composed of thousands of hungry, militant workers descended into the "soon to be vacated" district relief offices and overflowed to the Flower St. Headquarters, causing such commotion and exerting such pressure that the withdrawn checks were resurrected and passed out in handfuls, while police were held in readiness to meet "emergencies."

Cheaper to feed 'em than to fight 'em.

If we were vindictive and decided to be funny, we would ask you hundreds of social workers who have lost and are slated to lose your jobs under WPA, the question you have asked us so often in the past, "What are you doing to rehabilitate yourselves?"

But instead we say, "Organize and fight for your rights." The unemployed will extend you fellowship and actively support you in joint struggle.

Daughters of the American Revolution, R. B. Crawford, Chief Davis and all those "red baiters" and "vice crusaders" who, resent "insults to the flag" and the "desecration of American womanhood" should have attended the "Smoker" held in secret by a prominent ex-service men's organization last Saturday night for the edification and entertainment of their better class members.

There they would have witnessed a full house, 200 unable to secure seats, view a performance by nude female dancers.

Gambling games, roulette, poker, black-jack and drinks aplenty with drinks alone enhanced and enlightened the evening.

City police were present and members of the organization were heard to boast "we have protection of not only the police but the sheriff's office."

It has not been announced whether the proceeds of the affair will be used to purchase Christmas baskets for the "deserving poor" or whether they will be donated to the lagging Community Chest Fund.

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## Books-Pamphlets IN REVIEW

"Japan's Drive for Conquest," by Grace Hutchins. (International Pamphlets, No. 47, 32 pp., price 5 cents.)

In carrying out her advance on the Asiatic continent, Japan has increased her public debt to about 10 billion yen, and more than a quarter of this amount has been added in the past three years. With the rate of advance in foreign trade now declining, the effect is to renew certain aspects of the earlier crisis and depression which Japan shared with other capitalist nations.

These facts are brought out in a new Labor Research Association pamphlet, "Japan's Drive for Conquest," by Grace Hutchins. It is a study of the present situation in Japan, including a discussion of the country's financial rulers, the economic reasons for aggressive advance in Manchuria and China, and the conditions of workers and peasants at home.

Japan's regular war budget has mounted in the last six years from 428 million yen in the fiscal year 1930-31 to 1,021.5 millions in 1935-36. Where five years ago the army and navy took 28 per cent of the total national budget, 1934-35 the military-naval budget took 43.7 per cent. Out of every yen paid by a Japanese worker or farmer for taxes, half or more must go for war expenditures.

To pay for heavy imports of war materials, Japan must increase her exports. But the trade boom which began in August, 1932, probably reached its peak in July, 1935. While there was still an advance over the previous year the rate of advance was declining, and industrialists were reported as "anxious." Almost every country has taken measures recently to check the advance in Japanese trade and many have introduced quotas to prevent the dumping of cheaper Japanese goods.

A feature of the pamphlet is a chronology of Japanese imperialism. Other sections deal with living and working conditions of workers and peasants, strikes of recent years, the struggle against imperialism within Japan, and the terror used by authorities against all who dare protest. A map shows area already under Japanese control and its relations to Chinese Soviets and Soviet Union.

## OUTSTANDING SOVIET FILM COMES TO S.F.

THE STRUGGLE OF RUSSIA FOR COLLECTIVIZATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16—"Peasants" is showing on the screen of the Clay International theater here, having started Saturday, Dec. 14. It portrays one of the strongest and most dramatic pages in the history of the world since the war. Regarded as one of the most important films ever to come out of the Soviet Union, it tells the story of "collectivization," a subject that has stirred more controversy and created more dispute than any other agricultural reform of the age.

G. W. Pabst, famous German director, said of "Peasants": "You have created a work of art. You were given a problem of particular importance; the struggle of the revolutionary peasants against the Kulak. This theme was of historic significance because the fate of the Russian revolution depended in such great degree on the triumph of the collective idea over individualism."

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# "The Bitter Tea of General Yen"

By Hansu Chan (Reprinted from "China today")

The rapid breakdown of feudal agrarian economy, the peasant revolts, and the remarkable success of the Chinese Soviets in winning the support of the poverty stricken peasants, have forced the ruling class in China openly to admit the failure of their policy of terror and military suppression.

The most candid admission of this failure has recently been made by General Yen Hsi-shan, virtual dictator of Shansi and Suiyuan provinces in North China.

### Growing Influence

With Red power growing rapidly across the Yellow river in the neighboring province of Shensi, General Yen has been frantically engaged in a search for some means of "preventing Communism."

The following speech by General Yen to his official subordinates in the two provinces leads no doubt as to the growth of the power of Communism in the Northwest:

"Communists who rely upon guns are easy to suppress but Communists who rely upon the people are difficult to suppress. We can oppose armed Communists with our superior armed forces. . . . But Communist armies which have won the support of the people can get all kinds of assistance wherever they go and we are thus met with all sorts of difficulties."

### Yen Helpless

"Suppose we are confronted with the crack troops of a strong nation numerically as large as the Communists in Kiangsi, Szechwan and Shensi, we can suppress

## ARE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS BANDITS AS HEARST CLAIMS? GENERAL YEN DECLARES NO

them in less than three weeks with the forces that are being used in the anti-Red campaign. But we are helpless in the face of the "weak" Communist army! This proves that Communists, backed by the people, are very difficult to suppress. . . . Communism spreads from one village to another with extraordinary speed.

"Even if you are quite sure that a certain village has turned Red, the village head will deny it when you ask him. Because, if a village head reveals the secret, his whole family will be punished by the Communists. If you send an army to the village, the villagers will tell you that the Communists have escaped. Soldiers can be stationed in a village but you cannot stop the relatives and friends of the peasants from visiting them. These visitors are the advance guards of the Communists. Thus even the garrisoning of villages by soldiers cannot prevent Communism. The Communists are even trying to influence our soldiers."

### All Around Failure

"Thus when we don't know whether a village is Red or not, we are helpless; however, even when we know a certain village is Red, we are also helpless. We cannot cope with the situation when we don't send soldiers, and we cannot cope with the situation even if we send soldiers. Yesterday I received telegrams from magistrates from districts bordering the Yellow river, some asking my permission to shoot these vil-

lage heads and assistant heads for hiding Communists in their villages, and others asking me to station troops in various villages. I cannot answer them because such methods will not work, but I do not know measures to suggest to them. What can you suggest?"

### Fake Reforms

Hence all sorts of social and political measures for preventing and combating Communism have been recently proposed. It has become the fashion for university professors to dig out the utopian, petty bourgeois socialist theories of the early nineteenth century or to paraphrase Hitler and Mussolini, and propose them as panaceas for China's troubles. General Yen is the first militarist and political leader enjoying tremendous power to join this chorus of "reform" mongers.

As above quoted, he sharply warns the Chinese ruling class on the precariousness of their position.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The current maneuver of Japan to secure domination of the North China provinces and impose fascist suppression is dictated by the failure of General Yen and his counterparts to devise any means of halting the growth of Communist influence. Hence this article has particular significance at this time when a broad anti-imperialist wave is again rising. General Yen even went so far as to propose certain land reforms to create an illusion of socialism among the masses. But these insincere gestures collapsed as sadly as all other efforts.)

It must be noted that Japan brings with her no other solution than armed suppression, which has failed already.)

## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

HALIVER OIL WITH VIOSTEROL  
San Francisco, Calif.,  
December 2, 1935.

Dear Doctor:  
Will you please give me your opinion of Abbotts Haliver oil capsules with Viosterol; are they what they claim to be? Will appreciate a reply through the Western Worker.

Mrs. F. M.

ANSWER: Abbott Co. claims this to contain large quantities of Vitamin A and Vitamin D. This is undoubtedly true but whether the advertising for the product is exaggerated or not is hard to say. The package does not carry the label of approval of the American Medical Association. As no cases as yet have come to our attention in which the A. M. A. has refused the label to deserving products, we believe that this label is of great value. For this reason, we believe that the advertising for any products that do not carry the label should be regarded as of a lying nature until proved otherwise.

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Dear Doctor:  
Tell you what would be more pertinent: this Fowler inhalant for T.B., made up in Frisco. Lately, the F. Labs. have been working down here. Ran a big ad in the L. A. Times, etc.

ANSWER: We could not get any information on this product specifically, but there is certainly nothing that a tubercular patient could inhale which would hasten his road to recovery. There are certain inhalants which temporarily make a tubercular patient feel better. Other drugs will not even do that, but if the patient believes in them enough, his spirit will be raised temporarily through taking them. Quacks know this fact and exploit it to the full. They sell certain drugs under fancy names, claiming healing powers for them when they really only make the patient feel a little better for the moment.

How about it, all you T. B.'s up in them tar hills, write us what you think about it all and particularly about the conditions in your particular sanitarium.

BRONCHIAL ASTHMA  
Los Angeles, Calif.,  
December 5, 1935.

Dear Dr. Bissell:  
I have a daughter, 6 years old, who is suffering with bronchial condition in the last two years especially in the winter months. Had her examined by two well known specialists and each prescribed different diets. One of the specialists prescribed a powder to be given when she has a spasm of coughing which I find makes her heart beat very fast. For that reason, I have stopped using them. He also advised using these capsules for four or five years if necessary and then she would grow out of it. Would you please advise me as to the correct treatment. Am using at home carbon ultra violet ray—during the winter months.

Mrs. W. W.

ANSWER: From the description, this sounds like asthma, but we can't be sure. The capsules were probably to relieve her attacks, but you did right to stop giving them to her when her heart seemed to beat too hard. A child generally does "grow out of" this disease, but not always. Asthma is usually caused by some agent to which the patient is sensitive. This must be found in order to be avoided. Do not be discouraged with the seemingly bad results your doctor has obtained. It sometimes takes a great deal of time and energy to find the cause of this disease. Allow your doctor to make a thorough investigation, if you can afford it. If not, demand that the county clinic make a thorough investigation to find the cause.

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## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

### Bail Needed for James Garrison; Protest Murder by Florida Vigilantes

"Oh, but they can't convict them," the worker is apt to say as, mindful of the facts of the case, he debates whether to add his personal protest in behalf of the four shipscalers now on trial for their life in Judge Jack's courtroom at the Hall of Justice.

But they WILL if they DARE, and that's the one important fact to remember. And they will dare, if they do not feel an aroused working class in back of the four boys, defending and guarding them from the attack of the shipowners.

So, be there at the Hall of Justice daily, and if you can't get in the courtroom, stay until you can. If your working hours conflict, deputize some one, a friend or a member of your family to represent you.

In Tampa, Florida, we have the reverse picture of the persecution of the four shipscalers in San Francisco.

There, three Socialist leaders of the unemployed were turned over to a vigilante mob by the police, who were unable to hold them on any legal grounds, and the men were tarred and feathered and so severely beaten that one of them has died of his injuries and another is near death.

Is there to be any prosecution of the murderers? Not if the state and the police can prevent it.

The Labor and Socialist Defense committee, with Norman Thomas, as chairman, is undertaking a campaign to force the punishment of the vigilantes, whose identities are known.

Protests from all organizations, especially trade unions and unemployed, should be sent without delay to Mayor Chaney, Chief of Police Tittsworth and Sheriff McLeod, all at Tampa; Funds for the campaign to the Labor and Socialist Defense committee, care of Socialist Call, 21 East 17th Street, New York City.

The biggest fight for Angelo Herndon's freedom lies ahead; involving as it does the fight to wipe off the statute books of Georgia a law which menaces the life and freedom of every militant worker.

For this reason, it is essential that the campaign for signatures and for resolutions along the same line to Governor Talmadge be continued. Don't let the other side think we have let up because we can glimpse victory ahead.

Owners of un mortgaged property who would pledge it for James Garrison are asked to call

## Students Fight Suspension of L.A. Schoolgirl

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Mass protests of students will force the Board of Education to grant a rehearing to Lorraine Jones, 17-year-old Negro girl suspended from Belmont High School for allegedly distributing National Students League literature, a delegation of 50 students told the board here a few days ago.

When Hans Hoffman, chairman of the committee and prominent in anti-war activities at Los Angeles Junior College, got up to speak in behalf of the girl, President Gertrude Rounsaville performed her duty to the Chamber of Commerce, in whose building the Board of Education has offices, by brusquely stating the case was closed and hastily adjourning the board meeting.

Officially, the board has taken the position that Miss Jones was suspended because of her refusal to accept transfer from Belmont to David Starr Jordan High School.

## LABOR PARTY MEET

HURON, S. D., Dec. 11.—(FP)—A convention to form a South Dakota Farmer-Labor Party will meet at Huron Feb. 4, according to officials of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Association.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Dr. Harry Moss told a dentists' convention at New York that 70 per cent to 90 per cent of the people are unable to afford dental care.

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## Act Today—Smash the Scaler Frame-Up

Justice works queerly in capitalist courts, to say the least.  
 Gilbert Reyes, onetime member of the Ship Scalers' Union, is given a suspended sentence after being found guilty of possession of a deadly weapon the night a gang of disrupters attempted to break up a meeting of the Scalers' Union.  
 Four members of the union now are being tried on trumped-up charges of first degree murder because at the union meeting in question a man stepped to the roof above the sidewalk, crashed through and later died of injuries received.

And Gilbert Reyes again appears on the scene—AS A WITNESS AGAINST THE FOUR MEN WHOM THE EMPLOYERS ARE TRYING TO FRAME!

This is the stuff of which frame-ups are made. This trial is one of the dirtiest, filthiest frame-ups ever attempted by the employing class of San Francisco. It equals the Mooney-Billings case in rottenness.

And yet, the capitalist system is so ordered that there is a strong possibility these four men—Archie Brown, Francisco Jimenez, Natalio Villi, and Julio Canales—will be convicted.

UNLESS—  
 San Francisco workers—trade unionists, unemployed, friends of organized labor—pack Judge Life Jacks' court room every single minute during the so-called trial, and send protests, through unions and individuals, against this brazen attack upon the organized labor movement!  
**THIS IS YOUR FIGHT. YOU ALONE CAN SAVE THESE MEN. ACT TODAY.**

## Townsendites Should Work For a Farmer-Labor Party

Last week the forces of the Townsend old-age pensions movement announced a plan to run a presidential candidate and a full congressional slate in the 1936 elections.

The decision of the Townsendites to break with the old non-partisan policy of relying upon individual Democrats and Republicans to bring about the system of old age pensions will be welcomed by millions of progressives who already are beginning to unite behind the movement for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Possibly these progressive forces will not agree with all the points of the Townsend program. The Communist Party recognizes the desperate need for old age pensions—but it believes the burden of these pensions should be borne by the wealthy.

The Farmer-Labor Party advocates fight for unemployment insurance, for the right to organize, strike and picket, for the preservation and extension of the democratic rights of the masses of the people, as well as for old-age pensions.

Would it not be better for the Townsendites to join with the Farmer-Labor Party forces in united struggle—united independent action? To form two independent political parties would only be playing the game of divide and rule, a tactic continually used by old line Democrats and Republican politicians.

After all, the enemies of the Townsend Plan attack not only that plan but the fundamental rights and living standards of the people. If they are successful they will wipe out with bullets and concentration camps all progressive forces, Townsendites included.

If we are to defeat the powerful forces of reaction we must unite. Townsendites, trade unionists, Communists, Socialists, Epics—workers, middle classes and farmers—we must all stand together. We must immediately join forces in building a powerful, mass, anti-fascist Farmer-Labor Party in which each organization will maintain its identity but at the same time, shoulder the wheel, work for the common cause.

## Broaden the Anti-War, Anti-Fascist Fighting Front

We urge Communist Party members to give support to the conference of the Bay Area American League Against War and Fascism brought together a wide variety of organizations—a real united front of trade unions, religious groups, fraternal organizations, political parties, and educational bodies.

The feeling for unity has in no way dimin-

ished. Religionists worked harmoniously together with trade union delegates and Communists, patiently working out a new approach and a broader program for the building of the American League as a mass organization capable of combatting both War and Fascism.

The fact that some 67,000 people of all walks of life in the Bay Area were represented by enthusiastic delegates is evidence that the fight is penetrating to ever wider circles of the population. This, together with the commitment members of the State Federation of Labor to anti-vigilante activity by its executive committee through the various districts, bodes well for the general struggle against reaction in the coming months; the League affiliates being already in the nature of an anti-fascist and therefore anti-vigilante committee of 6000.

It remains for the delegates to combine this effort wherever possible, activating trade union membership along the lines of the A. F. of L. anti-vigilante resolution, and ultimately for the whole League program.

Forward with the anti-vigilante, anti-fascist and anti-war fight. Bring the pacifist organizations into the movement for peace. Build the anti-vigilante fighting front.

Urge the Socialists everywhere to overcome their isolation.

## The Immense Political Power of Labor

Today millions of workers organized in the American Federation of Labor are voicing their demands for an independent Farmer-Labor Party. Widely known A. F. of L. leaders expressed this demand by calling for a Labor Party at the recent A. F. of L. Convention in Atlantic City.

Yet there seems to be a considerable element within the trade union movement in San Francisco and elsewhere which puts forward the old slogan, fast becoming discredited, of "no politics in the unions." It is this slogan, advanced by the reactionary Samuel Gompers and parroted by his successor, William Green, which has kept the A. F. of L. from exercising the immense political power of which it is capable.

Two classes of persons consistently fight political action by the trade unions. In the first category come the union officials called by De Leon "labor lieutenants of the bourgeoisie," who deliver millions of labor votes in every election. Ed Vandeleur of the S. F. Central Labor Council performed this function when he and his so-called "Union Labor Party" supported Rossi in the recent municipal election.

A second category is composed of certain militant elements, good trade union men, but totally unconscious of the function which labor unions must perform if the fundamental democratic rights and decent standards of living of the working class are to be maintained.

The trade unions, as Karl Marx saw more than sixty years ago, are the fundamental organizations of the working masses. They are a direct expression of the struggle between "exploiter" and exploited. They are "schools of Socialism"—they are the lever by which the working class some day will rise to power.

The employing class controls immense social power. It controls the police, the courts, the radio, the press, the church, many of the most prominent labor union officials. It controls legislatures. It makes the laws which seek to hamstring the organized labor movement. And until the working class takes over this power no gain made in the purely economic field alone can be considered permanent.

To limit the struggle to a battle with individual employers or groups of employers over wages and working conditions alone is to sabotage the future of the organized labor movement.

In France the labor unions are united for struggle on the political field. The People's Front has forestalled fascism and will defeat fascism if its unity is maintained. In the United States, in dozens of cities and states, labor is uniting with its friends to put its own candidates in office.

Along this path lies the ultimate victory of the organized labor movement and the entire working class.

## The Comintern on Trade Union Unity

"Emphasizing the special importance of forming a united front in the sphere of the economic struggle of the workers and the establishment of the unity of the trade union movement as a most important step in consolidating the united front of the proletariat, the Congress makes it a duty of the Communists to adopt all practical measures for the realization of the unity of the trade unions by industries and on a national scale.

"The Communists are decidedly for the re-establishment of trade union unity in each country and on an international scale; for united class trade unions as one of the major bulwarks of the working class against the offensive of capital and fascism; for one trade union in each industry; for one federation of trade unions in each country; for one international federation of trade unions organized according to industries; for one international of trade unions based on the class struggle." (Resolution of VII World Congress on Dimitroff's Report.)

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## Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

### Showing We Can Fill Our Recruiting Quota

Following is a check-up on the District membership drive which started Sept. 21st:

	Recruited
Los Angeles .....	133
San Francisco .....	109
East Bay .....	53
San Diego .....	18
Eureka .....	1
San Bernardino .....	22
Stockton .....	8
San Mateo .....	2
Bakersfield .....	9
Fresno .....	2
Monterey .....	2
Sacramento .....	8
Merced .....	8
Porterville .....	2
Arizona .....	2
Contra Costa .....	0
San Jose .....	1
Sonoma .....	5
Santa Barbara .....	2
Tulare .....	0
Nevada .....	0

TOTAL .....

To make the quota of 500 new members by Jan. 1, we need 113 more members by that date. This means that if we recruit one new member for every twenty members now in the Party, the quotas will be reached. Within the next two weeks recruiting must become intensified in all Sections. One new member to every twenty should be an easy task. Let's make December a banner month in the recruiting drive and go over the top by January 1.

### Senate Committee Formed to Study High Power Rates

SACRAMENTO.—Growing demand for public ownership of power lines thruout the irrigated areas of the state forced the state government to take action. Lt. Governor Hatfield recently appointed a committee to investigate the question of state ownership of public utilities as concerned with the exploitation and development of power and water. The formation of this committee was authorized by the Senate.

It consists of Senators Difani, Riverside County; Duval, Ventura County; Garrison, Stanislaus County; Jespersen, San Luis Obispo County; and Seawell, Placer County.

Its task is to make a study of the rate-making, earnings, taxable assets, valuations and the problem of financing any step toward public ownership.

The committee will hold meetings in Los Angeles, Fresno and Sacramento during the year.

## WHY ARE YOU A COMMUNIST?

By Conrad Seiler.

Every intelligent person knows that there are Communists and Communists. There are those so eloquently described by Mr. Hearst as "the proletariat"—and then there are the few superior individuals, like Bernard Shaw, Karl Marx, Anatole France, Romain Rolland, Lincoln Steffens, Maxim Gorky, Andre Gide, Henri Barbusse, Waldo Frank, and John Strachey, who were pushed into Communism, as it were, by some unfortunate occurrence in early life, and thus hopelessly lost to the world of virtue and conservatism.

In an earnest endeavor to discover the precise reasons why some superior men and women have taken kindly to the blood-curdling virus of Communism, we submitted the following question to some representative intellectuals, now suffering from the Communist taint: "Why are you a Communist?"

The answers we received are most revelatory, and confirm our opinion that no man or woman of parts ever becomes a Communist through intellectual conviction. Certainly not. It is invariably the result of disappointment, frustration, or some awful shock in early life that can never be lived down.

Permit us to quote a few of the answers. The first is from a world-famous novelist:

"My father abhorred all-day suckers," he writes, "while I, child-like, adored them. His hatred for that innocent confectionery knew no bounds. It became a fixation. One day, when I was four, he violently took a stick of the candy away from me, and, despite my tears and hysteria, threw it down the drain. The shock was terrible. I have never been the

## "We'll Decide These Matters for Ourselves, Mister."



## Carefree Yankee in Sovietland

SMOKES A PAPIROSA AND SIPS SLIYANKA PUNCH

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came a place to live a good, honest, selfish physical life in, not merely have faith in it, or be curious about, as I was, I worked out two formulae to end formulae:

Take a Deck Chair.

1. By a process of elimination, obtain the easiest possible job in the strongest possible organization, spending just enough time in the office to have the legal status of a skilled specialist (I am now American Editor of Soyuzphoto, the central news-photo bureau; hours 3 to 5 p. m.) and have all the rest of my time my own, whereby I can make incomparatively more money than as if I sat at an executive desk all day.

2. A deck-chair in my front garden in which I sit smoking a long papirosa and sipping iced sliyanka punch and wondering where else upon this troubled planet a person of my vast incompetence could eat as much, drink as much, go as often to a superlative theater, give and receive hospitality, raise a family, read, and withal have sufficient time to sit in his deck chair in a

small junglish garden behind a high picket fence and smoke a long papirosa and sip iced sliyanka punch, which my servant refills at a clap of my hands. Where could I? Not Hollywood. Not New York.

Not back in my Ohio village, which I look upon as a sort of living death I could always go back to. And all this against a vivid, changing background that is one-third Asia, one-third Europe, and one-third something as yet nameless but very vital and at times lovable.

Novel May Come.

"Ah, very well," you say, "to live thus in fantastic, dynamic Moscow is a admittedly the height of something or other. But what about — (the writer of this letter) The Boy Writer and his brilliant future?" I question the premise. Looking back, I see no such thing. I recall something that was half publicity story and half misdirected energy. I write these days, a little, but not because I feel I must do so to justify my existence. In an authoritative magazine called INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE, published here in Moscow in English, sold widely among the initiated of all lands, I had the first three chapters of a novel (issue No. 3, 1934). People wrote in, including some known novelists, and said who is this guy that is the real MacCoy.

This is all very nice and if any of them would like to come out to my house, I will give them such a Russian dinner as they will never forget; we will sit up all night with embroidered towels on our laps drinking tea from tall glasses; but I don't see why I should have to write any more than I really want to, which is not very much. I have all-round security against sickness, accident, old age, unemployment—as does everyone else in the Soviet Union.

To make money, I have only to stretch out my hand (translated two plays recently: "Aristocrats" and "Skutarsky"). I hope to do THE Soviet novel if I can only find time. I am also thinking about moving out to some exotic town in one of the non-Russian Republics, maybe Samarkand, or maybe Nalchik (capital of Kabardino-Balkaria) or maybe Kutais, up in the green hills of Georgia. There I could wear a rainbow silk robe and learn a new language in another alphabet. I like alphabets, of which there are about forty in this country.

Married Man.

I suppose you know I worked at Columbia in 1929, in the fall for two or three months. Moss was publicity director then. Most of my time was spent on "Jungle." I see it was finally made, after all. Lots of people I barely remember and some people I never met, write me wanting to get jobs over here; but it's practically impossible to get a residence permit any more unless you can get some Soviet big shot personally interested in your case. All welcome, however, as long as they travel as tourists

at a minimum rate of \$5.00 a day, everything included.

There are a number of things I want:

Back numbers of Story Magazine.

Mickey's name and address; news of her.

Wool socks, delivered by tourists (Russian ones are too prickly).

Picture of yourself and family. Clippings from Hearst Press about Russia.

Chance to help you on inside dope including set sketches, photos, Soviet Russian street signs (in new alphabet), Red posters, to pippals making movies about Russia—invariably full of howlingly funny technical mistakes (such as epaulets on Red officers' uniforms, and any other ideas.)

Where did you get the "rumor" that I was married to a Russian girl? Everybody gets married to a Russian girl after a few months. Mine is Natasha, age 18, a medical student. We have a 10 months old baby boy. Named him John, to which registrar solemnly added "Robertovich," as Russian custom demands the patronymic. Live in a little old ramshackle house with three times as much space as the Moscow per capita average, have a huge white stove on top of which we sleep when the mercury drops to 39 degrees below zero, have a nurse and a barefooted cook and two grim pet porcupines to keep the huge and murderous Moscow rats from killing us in our sleep.

As ever,

## OPEN FORUM

SUGGESTIONS

San Francisco, Calif.  
 Dec. 13, 1935

Comrade Editor:

I have some suggestions in regard to the WESTERN WORKER which I am proposing as a basis for discussion from other comrades.

1. That the paper be changed to tabloid, eight pages.  
 2. That it be issued three times a week.  
 3. That the retail price be 3 cents (2 cents wholesale).

We know that the Western Worker is falling behind when it should be moving ahead. Though this is partly due to lack of activity on the part of the comrades in pushing the paper, some of the fault lies in the paper itself. It must be made attractive and inviting to read.

The smaller tabloid pages, together with sufficient pictures, can be much more interesting in appearance. Compare the last two issues of the "Voice of Youth" with the Western Worker in this respect.

M.W.M.

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## World Events

By Emmett Kirby

### Small Nations to Fight Sellout At Geneva

Not only do the Ethiopian warriors continue to make the fascist troops "advance" to positions to the rear, but Haile Selassie (and the figures in the background who advise him, of course) has turned the Laval-Hoare "peace plan" into a boomerang. At the time of this writing, Dec. 13, he has characterized the sellout as a plan to cede his entire empire to Mussolini in two installments and has thrown it up to the League of Nations to pass, individually, member by member, upon its justice.

The League meets next Wednesday. And the chances are very great that the Council will soon call in the Assembly, as in time they must, to pass upon the plan.

The overwhelming majority of the members are small nations, who see themselves as possible future Ethiopians, who fear imperialist aggression and who are fighting against it now at Geneva. Their attitude was indicated in their enthusiasm in voting fascist Italy an aggressor nation in the first place and voting sanctions against her in the second.

United Front in France

Equally important with the pressure the small nations will bring to bear is the reaction in France and Britain. In Paris Laval's government is tottering under a wave of indignation rallied by the "Front Populaire—the United Front" led by the Communist and Socialist Parties—and has even reached the degree where the party of Edouard Herriot, the Radical Socialists (a petty bourgeois party which is neither radical nor socialist) have threatened to take the lead of the movement by bringing the collapse.

The rank and file of its membership is forcing the leadership to threaten the resignation of their four members from the Laval cabinet as a means to bring downfall, unless he retreats from his sellout plan.

Hoare on Thin Ice

In London demonstrations against the plan are reported and it is said the general feeling throughout the country is that Sir Samuel Hoare, now vacationing in Switzerland, will return from skating on thin ice there to fall at home on this issue. Anthony Eden, who was deprived of the Foreign Secretaryship and sent into a period of silence called "illness" in the public prints, for having made the diplomatic mistake of admitting that the Soviet Union wants and strives for peace, some months ago, will undoubtedly be called on the carpet for saying unofficially that he considered "the peace plan unfair to Ethiopia."

Egypt Gains

British imperialism, beset from many sides has been forced to give a gesture to smaller nations by permitting the Ethiopians to set up a constitutional government again instead of ruling through their "Pu Yi," King Fuad. They used to boast that "the sun never sets on English soil." But now its a matter of grave Downing street concern that the sun never sets on the discontent on that far-flung and varied "English" soil's peoples.

Every indication (which may even be borne out before this reaches print) is that Britain, coming to the rescue of Italian fascism will resume conversations with fascist Germany, that for the sacrifice contemplated in throwing over the League of Nations she hopes to bring three nations—Britain, France and Italy—to join with Hitler and hold the upper hand over him. This latter would be both for mutual protection against attack and in line with his program of attack on the Soviet Union. Laval's "love" of the USSR is notoriously nonexistent, despite the present treaty of mutual assistance. And both Downing Street and Laval fear that the downfall of Mussolini, to be expected if they can't save him and if the oil embargoes were actually to be effected, would release a tide of proletarian advance against fascism—and "democratic" capitalism that they do not wish to contemplate. The events in Egypt might occur in a score of places. And do they know it!